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Secrets Act reforms fail to appease left MPs

disclosures about government secrets be liable to criminal sanctions under a Official Information Act proposed in a Paper yesterday. The suggested reforms of ficial Secrets Act, 1911, failed to satisfy r left-wingers, who gave the Home ry his roughest reception of this entary session.

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Another additional "safeguard" claimed by Mr Rees was that the Attorney General (Lord Advocate in Scotland) would have to authorize, in any prosecution, a departmental minister's certificate claiming that information that was the subject of a prosecution was indeed properly classified.

The Conservatives objected to making ministers both judge and jury. Sir Michael Havers, spokesman on law, wanted "three wise men" to adjudicate such ministerial claims.

Mr Rees's difficulties came in the House when he tried to justify the White Paper as "a necessary preliminary" to greater openness in government. Labour MPs hooted their disbelief, knowing full well that the White Paper expressed such scepticism as to be dismissive of the need for Britain to have a freedom of information law.

The White Paper says that "in the British context, where the policies and decisions of the executive are under constant and vigilant scrutiny by Parliament and ministers are directly answerable to Parliament, it may be neither necessary nor desirable to proceed to legislation."

The abuse rained down on Mr Rees from the Labour back benches. His boast of Mr Callaghan's 1977 undertaking to publish factual and analytical material after all government decisions prompted the inevitable demand that he publish everything related to yesterday's White Paper.

He answered that it consisted only of the 1972 Franks report, all the rest related to "judgment", in other words, advice from civil servants and therefore not publishable. That provoked possibly the most serious verbal assault on a Labour minister from his own benches seen this past year.

Mr Rees retorted to one backbencher that he doubted whether more than two or three of his constituents cared about the issue. Another left-winger, Mr Jeffrey Rooker, exclaimed that Mr Rees had by that remark shown himself "neither fit to hold or aspire to" national leadership.

"Inadequate" document: The National Council for Civil Liberties described the White Paper last night as "hopelessly inadequate and inconsistent" (our Political Staff writes).

A council spokesman said it made no mention of reforming section one of the Official Secrets Act. It was therefore nonsense for it to say that the mere receipt of official information would no longer be a crime because section one made receipt of official information an offence.

The council was particularly disturbed at impending proceedings under sections one and two of the Act.

"The Government's proposals would create a new offence of communicating information about security and intelligence matters, regardless of whether it is classified", the council said. "That would place investigative journalists unwittingly at risk of prosecution and deny people in Britain views of legitimate public interest of a kind freely available in the United States."

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Secrecy on jobless predictions is attacked

By Pat Healy
Social Services Correspondent

The Government's secrecy over its assumptions on future unemployment levels was strongly attacked yesterday in the eighth report of the Commons Expenditure Committee. It was ridiculous, the report said, "to expect this committee properly to carry out its task if information of fundamental importance is denied to it".

The committee's feelings have already had an impact, its chairman, Mr James Boyden, Labour MP for Bishop Auckland, disclosed yesterday at a press conference in the Commons. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, who was closely questioned on the issue when he appeared before the committee, has now written to it giving the unemployment assumptions behind the 1978 White Paper on public expenditure.

The figures, which will be published later this year, showed that the Government assumed that the numbers registered as unemployed in 1978-79 would be 1,700,000; in 1979-80 1,600,000; in 1980-81 1,500,000 and in 1981-82 1,300,000. The wholly unemployed for those years were assumed to be 1,500,000; 1,400,000; 1,300,000, and 1,100,000 respectively.

In his letter, Mr Healey said the figures were not a forecast of unemployment levels. They represented working assumptions for the purpose of constructing expenditure projections, which were increasingly provisional for the later years.

The Chancellor's letter was described by Mr Boyden as a slight move forward. But the committee really wanted a firm statement of what the Government expected to happen to unemployment.

Mr Healey's new figures do not differ markedly from those already contained in the Government Actuary's report

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Mr Callaghan with sitar when opening the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Indian cultural centre at West Kensington, London, yesterday.

Leeds Castle meeting opens way for new peace initiative

By David Spanier
Diplomatic Correspondent

Peace talks between Egypt and Israel are starting up again. Mr Cyrus Vance, the American Secretary of State, said yesterday that he expected when he goes to the Middle East in about two weeks' time that there would be similar meetings to the talks held at Leeds Castle in Kent, which ended last night.

The main result of these last two days of talks, at which the Egyptian and Israeli Foreign Ministers reviewed in depth their respective peace plans and cross-questioned each other, is to have "laid the basis", in Mr Vance's words, for future negotiations.

Both Foreign Ministers sounded hopeful after the meeting. Mr Dayan said he believed the Egyptians wanted a peaceful settlement, and that each side now understood much better the other's position. Mr Kamel said that if the Israeli Government responded in a positive way, Egypt would be willing to continue the talks.

At a news conference after the Leeds Castle talks Mr Vance drew a distinction between two kinds of progress. "I think that the mere holding of the meeting here in a sense is progress," he said. "But in the sense of any decisions being taken, the answer is 'no'. It is too early for that question to have an answer."

The American objective in arranging the meeting between the two Foreign Ministers, Mr Muhammad Ibrahim Kamel and Mr Moshe Dayan, was to get the ball rolling, and in this limited sense they seem to have been successful. "These were the most candid and probing discussions I have heard between them," Mr Vance summed up.

He added, to nobody's surprise, that big differences remained between the positions of the two sides, and that there was a lot of hard work ahead. But "common elements in their approaches have been identified".

Mr Roy Atherton, the American ambassador at large, will go to the Middle East straight away, to prepare the way for the expected talks, which Mr Vance will attend.

The American role, Mr Vance said yesterday, was to help the parties to find their way through the negotiations, whenever required. But at Leeds Castle more than 90 per cent of the discussions had been between Mr Kamel and Mr Dayan, face to face. His own participation, therefore, had been "less and less".

Behind the scenes, however, it seems likely that the two sides were extremely firm, and perhaps quite sharp, in their exchange of views. The future of the West Bank and of Gaza were the main issues discussed, but Mr Vance said that questions of principle were continually interwoven with points of detail.

Mr Vance will call on Dr David Owen, the Foreign Secretary, this morning for a discussion on southern African questions, and is due to leave London later today.

Israel may hand over Sinai town, page 7

Greek city trembles before the full moon

From Mario Modiano
Salonika, July 19

Salonika was hit on June 20 by a severe earthquake which killed 50 people and caused serious damage but the mass hysteria it generated is still present and the authorities are concerned about the future of the city.

Mr Constantine Karamanlis, the Prime Minister, flew in from Athens tonight ostensibly to review plans for Salonika's rehabilitation, but in fact to bolster people's morale. The reason is a persistent rumour that because of the full moon tomorrow the most catastrophic earthquake yet will hit the city.

"I have come to help them make their logic work", he said on arrival.

The two previous shocks occurred on or about the full moon but foreign seismologists who have arrived here also to study the conditions scoff at the people's superstition.

"An earthquake is no more likely tomorrow than it is today or next week", Dr David Carver of the United States geological survey, said. There was no proof that the pull of the Moon could activate anything more than tides.

A team of four seismologists from Cambridge University, led by Professor Jeffrey King, arrived here last night to take measurements from the epicentre, between the Lake Volvi and Lake Langhada.

What frightened Salonika's 700,000 inhabitants was probably the realization of their extraordinary good luck in surviving the earthquake of June 20, which measured 6.5 on the Richter scale and was just short of a catastrophe.

Today, out of 700,000 inhabitants, 100,000 sleep in single-floor houses in the suburbs. About 150,000 others stay under tents pitched in parks, squares, courtyards and stadiums.

The other 450,000 live out of town over a radius of 100 miles in villages and resorts. The authorities estimate that about a quarter of them commute to the city in the morning and go back in the early afternoon.

Most shopkeepers seem determined not to open tomorrow and factory workers have been sent home on holiday by their employers. Even intellectuals admit they will stay out of town although they regard this attitude as illogical.

There were a few encouraging signs of a saner reaction against the paralyzing fatalism. A committee of intrepid citizens is organizing a song and dance party in a central square of Salonika to hail the new moon, and a chain of snack bars promises free lamb-on-the-spit and wine for all.

The committee's appeal echoed the city's agony: "For God's sake do not go away. Flight will bring catastrophe. Let us support our city. Join the party and chant with us: Salonika lives on."

Mr Shcharansky sent to harsher prison

From Michael Binyon
Moscow, July 19

Officials at Lefortovo jail in Moscow today told Anatoly Shcharansky's mother that her son had been moved to Vladimir, 120 miles to the east. Vladimir prison, where a number of dissidents have been held, is notorious for its harsh conditions.

Mrs Ida Milgrom went to Lefortovo for the second day running because the governor had said yesterday that she could bring her sick husband to visit their son today. The 74-year-old father is recovering from a heart attack and was noteable to attend his son's trial.

Mr Shcharansky's brother Leonid told Western correspondents that when his parents went to Lefortovo, they were informed by the deputy governor that their son had left at six o'clock in the morning. "We don't believe them. We don't know anything", Leonid said.

Mrs Milgrom saw her imprisoned son yesterday for 25 minutes. They were not allowed to discuss details of his interrogation and trial, but she did tell him of the eight-year sentence on Alexander Ginzburg, a fellow member of the Helsinki group.

She was not allowed to give her son any of the food that she prepared, and she also found that he had received only three of the 15 books she had brought to the prison before his trial. Yesterday Mr Shcharansky asked her to bring warm clothing, boots, dictionaries and books on languages and mathematics.

Meanwhile, Dr Andrei Sakharov said today that he had received an official reprimand from the Soviet Academy of Sciences, of which he is still a member, for getting involved in a scuffle outside the court where Dr Yuri Orlov was being tried in May.

He said he was summoned to the academy and told that his behaviour undermined the authority of Soviet scientists. He replied that the decision to reprimand him had been taken by the academy's praesidium without informing him and was therefore illegal. He challenged the academy to expel him if that was thought possible or necessary.

Two weeks after the Orlov trial Dr Sakharov and his wife were fined 50 and 40 roubles for their part in the scuffle. The court told the academy of the incident and asked it to take appropriate measures. Dr Sakharov told Western correspondents.

David Cross writes from Washington: President Carter's decision to cancel the sale of an advanced computer system to Tass news agency in retaliation for the imprisonment of Soviet dissidents has delighted Senator Henry Jackson and other hawks on Capitol Hill.

The senator told reporters today that the move gave the United States "real leverage" and put Mr Carter in a strong bargaining position. He called on the President also to cancel a proposed sale of oil drilling equipment to the Soviet Union and to seek the removal of the next Olympic Games from Moscow.

Announcing the Administration's decision not to go ahead with the computer sale last night, officials said that the White House would henceforth scrutinize carefully all American exports of oil technology to the Soviet Union. The implication is that if relations deteriorate further, deliveries of equipment and know-how may be postponed or cancelled.

In another development, the State Department called in a Soviet Embassy official this afternoon to "review a variety of matters" connected with the work and operations of Soviet journalists in the United States. Such a move had been expected in the wake of yesterday's libel verdict in Moscow against two American reporters.

The discussions are expected to cover the future of the San Francisco Bureau of Tass, which the Administration might close if press relations between the two countries deteriorate further.

The reporters convicted in Moscow are now on holiday in the United States. If the Soviet authorities prevent their return to Moscow, retaliatory action against Soviet correspondents here can be expected.

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Liberal threat to shares Bill

By Fred Emery

Government hopes for a Bill to extend dividend controls were dashed yesterday when Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, indicated that his colleagues would not support it.

Mr Steel stated at a Westminster news conference that without a statutory incomes policy: "I don't think a statutory policy on dividends is on".

Introducing a Bill at the end of this crowded session, even with Liberal support, would have been a difficult legislative operation. Conservatives had vowed to drag out their opposition.

The Government theoretically retains the option of seeking support from the other minority parties, but without the Liberals their task looks impossible. It seems likely that the Cabinet will give up the idea at today's weekly meeting.

Mr Steel's indication earlier this week had been that he and his colleagues would await the Government's White Paper on pay before deciding. In the event his colleagues seem to have made up his mind for him.

Our Financial Staff writes: The news that the Government had firm plans, conditional on Liberal support, to extend dividend controls was enough to knock 6.9 off the Financial Times Index yesterday to leave it at 472. It was widely accepted that legislation to control dividends would cause a fall of between 20 and 30 points in the index.

The present limit of a 10 per cent annual increase in the amount paid by companies to shareholders was due to expire on July 31. Feeling over the past two months has been that some sort of voluntary restraint would emerge.

Since two major multinational companies, Shell and Unilever, have obligations to pay out certain levels of dividends well above their present statutory allowances, it was assumed they would lead the way to a generally increased level of payment.

There has been dividend restraint in some form since November, 1972, but, over the last year, dividends have in fact risen by about 20 per cent

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Begin policy to Egypt called 'total failure'

From Michael Knipe
Jerusalem, July 19

Mr Menachem Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, and Mr Shimon Peres, the leader of the Opposition, clashed sharply in the Knesset today over the conduct of the Middle East peace negotiations.

Mr Peres, fresh from his meeting with President Sadat in Vienna, accused Mr Begin of pursuing a peace policy which had proved a total failure. The best that could be said of the Government plan to give autonomy to the occupied West Bank, he said, was that it would lead unwittingly to the formation of an independent Palestinian state.

When Mr Peres began contending that his meeting with the Egyptian leader had done something to remedy the situation, Mr Begin angrily interrupted, arguing that at the meeting Mr Peres had not once asked whether Mr Sadat was ready for territorial compromise—the basis of the opposition's approach to the peace issue.

Waving a sheet of paper at Mr Peres, he declared: "Now this is a territorial compromise, one part for you and one part for me." Whereupon Mr Begin tore the paper in two, sending the House into an uproar.

Mr Peres interjected that he had indeed asked the question and had also received an answer. Furthermore, he said, he had requested a meeting with the Prime Minister to pass the question on, but had not yet been received by Mr Begin. He advised the Prime Minister to desist from making provocative attacks. But Mr Begin refused to back down, saying: "I repeat Peres did not ask the question and does not have an answer."

"But I do", said Mr Peres. Mr Begin remained unconvinced. President Sadat, he said, was only prepared for cosmetic changes, if anything, on the West Bank.

It might well be asked, Mr Begin said, why the Israeli Government which would not withdraw, continued with the negotiating process? Because, he explained, every avenue had to be explored; every chance, however slight, had to be followed up.

"And so in spite of all the insults I personally have suffered", he said, "I am still prepared to meet Sadat if invited. And I will invite him to meet me if I know in advance that the answer will not be negative."

Turning to the talks that had taken place between Mr Ezer Weizman, the Minister of Defence, and President Sadat in Austria, Mr Begin said it was true that Mr Weizman had brought back certain proposals but it was not in the public interest that they be disclosed at the moment.

Mr Begin promised a full-scale Knesset debate on the peace policy next week.

Damascus: King Husain of Jordan will pay a 24-hour visit to Damascus tomorrow for wide-ranging Middle East talks

Minter wins title

Alan Minter, of Britain, regained the European middleweight boxing championship last night when he knocked out the champion, Angelo Jacopucci, of Italy, in the twelfth round of their bout at Bellaria, Italy. It had been a close contest.

Early defeat for Government on Wales Bill

By Hugh Noyes
Parliamentary Correspondent
Westminster

The Government suffered an early defeat in the Commons last night on the Wales Bill as the House began consideration of the 198 amendments to the devolution legislation made in the House of Lords.

By 293 votes to 260, a majority against the Government of 33, MPs voted to retain the requirement inserted into the Bill in the Upper Chamber, disqualifying members of the Commons from becoming members of the Welsh Assembly.

Earlier, on a free vote, the Commons yet again rejected the proportional representation system for elections to the assembly. Voting that time was 389 to 162, a majority against of 227.

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Basque secession fear

The threat of a Basque parliamentary boycott has raised the spectre of the Basque country's secession from Spain. The threat was made during the debate on the new constitution in the Cortes by the Basque Nationalist Party, which refused a compromise deal with the ruling party. It controls half of the vote of the Basque provinces
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Leyland S Africa move

British Leyland is to merge its South African operations with Sigma Motor Corporation, which is controlled by Anglo American Corporation. A new company, Sigma-Leyland, will be formed with Sigma holding a 51 per cent controlling interest. BL will receive a small payment from Sigma
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Pretoria theatre attack

White extremists fighting any relaxation of apartheid are blamed for a tear gas attack on Pretoria's first mixed theatre audience.
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Competitor banned for life at Bisley

Bisley has banned for life a member of the English VIII Rifle Club after finding him guilty of using hand-finished ammunition. Peter Clarke, of Coulsdon, Surrey, admitted using the cartridges in a competition in which they were illegal. He is the fourth person to be banned for life at Bisley in the past 60 years
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£30m for gypsy sites

Local authorities are to receive up to £30m in grants from the Government over the next five years to provide about 300 gypsy caravan sites. Councils are also to have greater powers to remove gypsies from unauthorized sites
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Ministry of Defence underspent by £1,000m during the past six years, report shows

By Henry Stanhope
Defence Correspondent

The Ministry of Defence spent more than £100m last year on equipment ranging from missiles and aircraft to cars, carpets, clothes and vacuum cleaners to use up unspent money from its budget.

But it has still lost nearly £1,000m during the past six years because delays in the production of new equipment have meant that it has been unable to use all the cash allocated to it during the financial year.

The ministry has in fact underspent its budget in 12 of the past 14 years, according to a report of the Commons Expenditure Committee published yesterday.

Its forecasts last year were upset by slow progress in Britain's shipyards and by a decision to develop the all-British airborne early warning aircraft instead of investing with other Nato Countries in the alternative American AWACS planes.

But by reallocating funds to other items of equipment, it managed to bring down the "underspend to £80m, or less than 1 per cent of the cash limits allowed."

A ministry official last night quickly pointed out that only £60,000 had been used on buying new vacuum cleaners and only £100,000 on carpets.

The bulk of the unused money had been reallocated in the form of progress payments to the royal ordnance factories, to companies making aircraft spares and to the purchase of nine VC10 airliners to be used as airborne tankers for the RAF.

He added that all the equipment would have been needed anyway. It was just a case of bringing forward the purchases during the 1977-78 financial year.

Yesterday's report discloses that the ministry also explored the possibility of transferring unused funds to speed the modernization of Service barracks. But it proved difficult to decide on building requirements until the effects of the Army's reconstruction had been assessed.

Nor had it been possible to buy extra combat clothing for the Territorial and Army Volunteer Reserve because the manufacturing capacity could not accommodate the workload.

The MPs in yesterday's report are critical not of the ministry for using up unspent money but of the general loss of resources to defence as a result of underspending.

At one point they quote the Commander-in-Chief of RAF Germany, who told them: "We are losing out on operational capability year after year with underspend which disappears down the drain. We can always put it to good use. It is wrong that it should ultimately be lost."

The MPs comment: "These remarks illustrate the understandable frustration felt by commanders in the field at the fact that the already limited resources available to defence are not being utilized to the full."

They recommend that contingency arrangements with firms should be considered that would enable additional orders or new contracts to be placed at short notice.

The ministry should also continue its efforts to win permission for unspent money to be carried forward when the underspending has not been its fault.

They add that the defence budgets for 1979-80 and 1980-81 will be respectively £55m and £188m less than the planned figures announced under the 1974-5 Defence Review, in spite of the decision to raise spending by 3 per cent during the next two years.

That is because of subsequent defence cuts during the past few years. Together with underspending, the defence budget has suffered a loss of £1,653m during the past six years.

Mr Steel's bargain for party pact

By Fred Emery
Political Editor

Liberal support for a possible minority government formed by either the Labour or Conservative parties after the next election would be given only in return for a "commitment in principle" to electoral reform, Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, said in London yesterday.

Mr Steel's policy clarification came at a news conference launching a pamphlet, *Your Future with the Liberals*, which Lord Banks, chairman of the Liberal Party Standing Committee, has compiled as a kind of manifesto preview. Mr Steel's remarks seemed to go farther than the pamphlet, which spoke of "the readiness of the other two parties to agree to a measure of electoral reform".

Mr Steel spoke of a variety of ways of securing reform, and he did not exclude a Speaker's conference or a royal commission. What he would insist on, however, would be an acceptance in principle of reform, together with a "timing element", so that reform would not be endlessly delayed.

Mr Steel explained his view that the situation facing a possible coalition would be different in 1978 from the rushed situations of March, 1974, and March, 1977. He suggested that the party seeking his support would have to get a full commitment from its parliamentary parties for electoral reform. That would prevent recurrence of the declarations from Mr Callaghan and Mr Healey that they were willing to help Liberals but could not speak for the party.

Your Future with the Liberals (Liberal Publications Department, 9 Poland Street, W1V 3DG, 40p).



Lord Donaldson of Kingsbridge, Minister for the Arts, with Andrea Rathbone, aged 12, of Padgate, Cheshire, and her sculpture, "Reclining figure in an armchair". He likes the work so much that he is to display it in his office.

Peer's son tells of incident with girl of 10

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Ministry accused over museums

By Kenneth Gosling

Museums should be put on a similar footing with the performing arts and sports regarding building funds, says the subcommittee of the Commons expenditure committee that looked into provision for museums, galleries and libraries.

"There is already a formidable backlog", it says in its report, which accuses the Department of Education and Science of failing to evolve a clear policy or showing "that leadership which both museum and library organizations are seeking".

Recent public spending cuts had created a backlog of building projects involving the national museums and galleries and they could not now be put in hand unless increased funds were made available. Both the library and museum representatives had expressed to the subcommittee what seemed a justified concern over cumulative effects of expenditure cuts in the public library system, making the point that some lost ground, for example, in the acquisition of books, might never be recovered.

In particular, the Library Association was worried about the possibility of an imbalance in the national library provision if local authorities were able, and allowed, to make cuts that resulted in a fundamental weakening of the service. It was always easier to cut such items as book funds than to dismiss staff. School libraries had often suffered particularly badly.

Among its recommendations, the subcommittee says the DES should set up a committee as a matter of urgency to examine the whole relationship between the department, national, public, university and other libraries and library advisory councils. Attention, it said, should be given to achieving a more even provision of services throughout the country, by helping library areas that were backward in provision and by stimulating local authorities that had made disproportionate cuts in library services to restore the balance.

It also recommends that the department's library advisers should be given greater status and influence.

Drawing attention to the fact that VAT is charged on sales of works of art to purchasers in this country but not to buyers living abroad, the report recommends that urgent consideration should be given to the effect of that anomaly.

Social services cleared by coroner

Mr Anthony Rothera, the Nottingham coroner, said at an inquest in Nottingham yesterday that Mrs Linda Bilson, aged 70, a widow, who had allegedly been robbed and humiliated by children, died from natural causes.

He added: "I am completely satisfied that Mrs Bilson received from family, neighbours, friends and social services every possible help and assistance. Any criticisms that have been implied in reports of this case are completely unfounded."

The inquest was held because of the state of Mrs Bilson's body, found in her flat at Valley Walk, Hyson Green, by a neighbour after she had not been seen for two days.

When the neighbour went to Mrs Bilson's flat she found the heating full on, the windows closed, and Mrs Bilson, fully dressed and wearing an overcoat, on the floor. Mrs Bilson had epilepsy and had had six attacks in one day.

In April a Nottingham solicitor, called in by a voluntary housing association, said that Mrs Bilson had been robbed of her pension by neighbourhood children. Several children have been dealt with by the courts.

Secretaries boycott councillors

A dispute over secretaries has led two thousand members of the National Local Government Officers' Association in the civic centre of the London borough of Hillingdon to boycott the 69 elected councillors.

The dispute began last month when the newly elected council leader, Mr John Watts, and the controlling Conservative group wanted to retain the secretaries they had while they were the minority group.

But the former Labour group secretaries said they were engaged as majority office secretaries, whether Labour or Conservative. Their union boycotted Conservative councillors for two days.

That was called off to allow a compromise to be reached. But the Nalgo branch executive rejected the compromise and has instructed the members to boycott both Conservative and Labour councillors. They will not take messages or telephone calls from councillors, send tehm letters or attend meetings with them.

On Monday a special branch meeting that recommended a 3p supplementary rate had to be minuted by the chief executive, who was the only officer to attend. Next week a special council meeting to approve the rate supplement will not be serviced by the usual officers.

Mr Watts said last night: "The meeting will go ahead. Agendas have been sent out. We hope this nuisance can be resolved soon."

Mr Peter McDonald, Labour's deputy leader, said: "We support Nalgo on this. The Conservatives are flouting the national agreement that local government officers are not political appointments".

Reform of arbitration law urged to keep London ahead

By John Groser

The reform of arbitration law to maintain London's pre-eminence as an international arbitration centre is recommended in a report by an expert committee, published yesterday. The Commercial Court Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr Justice Donaldson, proposes that section 21 of the Arbitration Act, 1950, should be amended.

Such amendment would have the effect of revising and limiting the operation of the case-stated procedure and make it possible to contract out of that procedure altogether in so-called "one off" contracts. The section 21 procedure, the committee suggests, should be replaced with a judicial review of reasoned awards confined to points of law.

The present arbitration system, where parties to a commercial contract agree to refer disputes to an expert referee instead of to the courts, is a normal feature of international trade, and London is a centre for such arbitrations.

Under the 1950 Act an arbiter may (and indeed must, if directed by the court) state a special case for the decision of the High Court on a point of law. Thus, a party to an arbitration can usually get the proceedings transferred to the High Court, should he wish, and English law (unlike that in most other countries) does not allow the parties to contract out of this right to state a "special case".

The committee believes that there is evidence to show that this special case procedure is becoming a deterrent to the use of London for arbitration in an important class of disputes arising out of large international contracts, particularly those to which foreign governments are party.

Its recommendations, furthermore, propose that the new procedure (the replacement of clause 21 of the Act) should not, unless the parties expressly agree, apply to any dispute arising out of a contract governed by a law other than United Kingdom law. In all other cases it should be possible to contract out of judicial review after a dispute has arisen.

The recommendations would not apply to disputes arising out of maritime, insurance and commodity contracts.

Report on Arbitration by the Commercial Court Committee (Stationery Office, 50p).

Boy awarded £60,000

A boy paralysed four years ago when he jumped from a first-floor window of a disused building was awarded £60,000 agreed damages in the High Court yesterday.

Paul Anderson, aged 17, of Tivoli Road, West Norwood, a quadraplegic, was told by Mr Justice Caulfield that he could have £500 immediately for his first holiday since the accident.

The boy, suing through his father, Mr Frederick Anderson, was given judgement, with costs, against the London borough of Lambeth, which had denied liability. It was alleged against the council that the building should have been boarded.

The accident happened when the boy, then aged 13, jumped on to matresses from a building in Dunbar Place, West Norwood, and landed on his neck, his counsel, Mr John Melville Williams, QC, said. It was a game often played by local boys.

Mr Williams said the settlement was a compromise. There was contributory negligence on the boy's part and the award was between a half and three fifths of what the borough would have paid if found totally liable.

No explanation on rise in benefits spending

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on the increase in social security benefits due in November.

The committee wanted the figures in connexion with its assessment of the planned increase of £494m on social security in the 1978 expenditure White Paper. Increases in child benefit accounted for £335m of the rise, but £117m more was allocated to unemployment benefits. That, the committee said, seemed particularly significant because it reversed a previous underspending of £220m.

The committee was totally unable to extract from officials an explanation for the rise in unemployment benefit spending, or for an "inexplicable jump" of £97m on invalidity benefits.

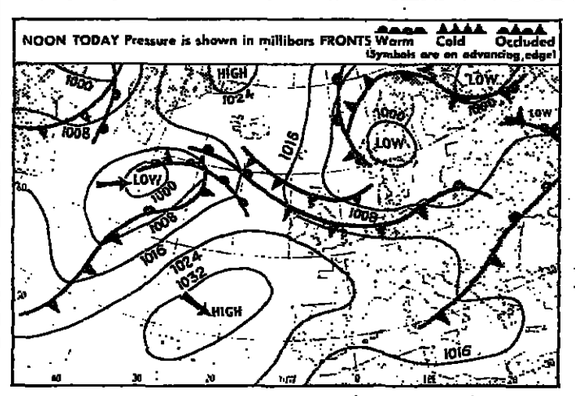
"It seems to us extraordinary that senior civil servants should spend their time blocking questions from MPs", the report said. "We see no reason why they should be put in a position where they have to refuse to provide this committee with the basic information required for a rational discussion of the Government's expenditure plans."

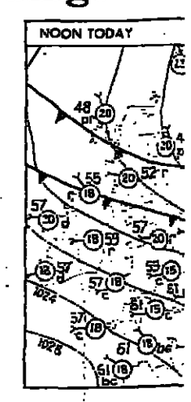
The report recommended that the Government should in future supply Parliament with the assumptions about future levels of employment and the expected growth in real earnings on which expenditure figures are based. It also called for a "total unemployment budget", covering all aspects of social security so that the full cost of unemployment was made known and not just that part falling under the heading of unemployment benefits.

It was also difficult to obtain a complete picture of the total cost of social security because the White Paper did not show the relationship between expenditure and taxation, the report said. The net cost of many benefits, particularly pensions, was less than stated because they were taxable. Future White Papers should contain a table giving information about taxation relevant to the field of social security.

Eighth Report from the Expenditure Committee, Session 1977-78. Selected Public Expenditure Programmes. House of Commons Paper 561 (Stationery Office, £1.10).

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 5.7 am Sun sets: 9.6 pm
Moon sets: 5.40 am Moon rises: 9.2 pm
Full moon: 4.5 am
Lighting up: 9.36 pm to 4.38 am.
High water: London Bridge, 2.24 am, 7.1m (23.3ft); 2.49 pm, 7.1m (23.4ft). Avonmouth, 8.4 am, 13.4m (43.9ft); 8.27 pm, 13.9m (45.7ft). Dover, 11.52 am, 6.8m (22.4ft). Hull, 6.47 am, 7.4m (24.3ft); 7.24 pm, 7.5m (24.5ft). Liverpool, 12.7 pm, 9.4m (31.0ft).
Pollen count: The pollen count issued in London yesterday by the Asthma Research Council was 21, low.

A NW airstream covers the British Isles, with troughs of low pressure moving S.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE, Central S and SW England, Channel Islands, S Wales: Mostly cloudy, a few bright intervals possible; wind W to NW, moderate or fresh; max temp 19°C (66°F).

East Anglia, Midlands, E, NW and Central N England, N Wales: Occasional drizzle dying out, rather cloudy, few bright intervals; wind NW, moderate or fresh; max temp 17°C (63°F).

Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland: Occasional rain or showers, becoming mostly cloudy; *wind NW, moderate; max temp* 15°C (59°F).

NE England, Edinburgh and Dundee, Borders: Occasional rain or showers, bright at first, becoming cloudy; wind NW moderate: max temp 16°C (61°F).

Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE and NW Scotland: Rain in places, becoming showery, mostly cloudy; wind NW moderate to fresh; max temp 14°C (57°F).

Orkney, Shetland: Showers, bright intervals; wind NW moderate, becoming N fresh: max temp 11°C (52°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Rather cloudy, rain in places; normal temp but rather cool in N.

Sea Passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): wind W fresh or strong; sea moderate or rough.

St George's Channel, Irish Sea: wind W or NW, fresh, locally strong; sea moderate, locally rough.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 7 am to 7 pm, 19°C (66°F); min, 7 pm to 7 am, 15°C (59°F); rain, 7 pm, 58 per cent. R... 7 pm, trace. Sun, 24... 1.0 hours. Bar. mea... 7 pm, 1,012.7 millib... 1,000 millibars = 29...

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

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Aberdeen	r	14	57	Cardiff	c	16	61	Jersey	c	16	61
Algiers	f	33	91	Chicago	f	27	81	L Palmas	s	24	75
Amsterdam	c	18	64	Cologne	c	19	66	Lisbon	s	27	81
Athens	s	31	88	Copenhgn	c	14	57	Locarno	f	27	81
Barcelona	s	25	77	Dublin	c	17	63	London	c	17	63
Beirut	s	29	84	Florence	f	27	81	Luxemburg	c	16	61
Belfast	c	11	52	Funchal	f	23	73	Madrid	s	33	91
Berlin	f	19	66	Geneva	c	17	63	Malaga	s	29	84
Bermuda	f	30	86	Gibraltar	f	26	79	Milan	s	29	84
Biarritz	s	29	84	Guernsey	c	17	63	Montreal	s	31	88
Bristol	c	17	63	Helsinki	f	15	59	Moscow	c	22	72
Brussels	f	18	64	Innsbruck	f	18	64	Munich	c	24	75
Budapest	c	19	66	Istanbul	s	28	82	Naples	s	28	82
Cairo	s	36	97	Jersey	c	16	61	New York	s	31	88
Cape Town	s	17	63	Lisbon	s	27	81	Nice	s	25	77
Chicago	f	27	81	Locarno	f	27	81	Oslo	c	17	63
Cologne	c	19	66	London	c	17	63	Paris	c	17	63
Dublin	c	17	63	Luxemburg	c	16	61	Reykjavik	s	11	52
Florence	f	27	81	Madrid	s	33	91	Rome	s	27	81
Funchal	f	23	73	Malaga	s	29	84	Stockholm	c	16	61
Geneva	c	17	63	Milan	s	29	84	Tel Aviv	s	29	84
Gibraltar	f	26	79	Montreal	s	31	88	Venice	s	29	84
Guernsey	c	17	63	Moscow	c	22	72	Vienna	c	20	68
Helsinki	f	15	59	Munich	c	24	75	Warsaw	f	19	66
Innsbruck	f	18	64	Naples	s	28	82	Zurich	c	16	61
Istanbul	s	28	82	New York	s	31	88				

At the resorts

24 hours to 6 pm, Jul...

	Sun hrs	Rain in	°C
E COAST			
Scarborough	0.1	—	17
Bridlington	0.2	—	17
Clacton	4.3	—	18
Margate	4.3	—	18
Herne Bay	2.9	—	18
S COAST			
Hastings	1.6	—	17
Brighton	3.3	—	18
Bognor	3.3	—	18
Southsea	3.0	—	18
Bournemouth	1.8	—	18
Exmouth	1.8	—	18
Falmouth	0.8	—	17
W COAST			
Morecambe	1.8	.17	15
Blackpool	1.2	.01	15
Ilfracombe	0.1	—	16
Newquay	0.6	—	16

Overseas selling prices

Au...tria, Sch 16; Belgi... Canaries, Pes 60; Denmar... Finland, Fmk 2.50; Fran... Germany, Dm 2.00; Gr... Holland, Dfl 2.00; Hon... 6,00; Italy, Lire 700; ... Lf 20; Madeira, Esc 50.00; Norway, Kr 2.50; Portu... Spain, Pes 60; Sweden, ... Switzerland, Sfr 2.00; ... $1.00; Yugoslavia, Din ...

b—blue sky; bc—half cloudy; c—overcast; f—fair; h—hail; m—mist; r—rain; t—thunderstorm; u—sunshine; z—periodical rain with snow

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Soldier killed, another shot, in Ulster attacks

From David Nicholson-Lord
Belfast

A soldier was killed by a Provisional IRA bomb and another seriously injured in separate attacks yesterday. The dead soldier was Private Mark Carnie, aged 18, single, of Angus, Scotland, who was on attachment from The Black Watch to the 1st Battalion, The Queen's Own Highlanders, stationed at Armagh.

Private Carnie, the second soldier to die in seven days in Ulster, was killed when a bomb exploded shortly before 1 pm a few yards from his foot patrol on the outskirts of Dungannon, co Tyrone.

The bomb was hidden behind the wall beside the main Dungannon to Ballygawley road and is thought to have been detonated by remote control. The two other members of the patrol were treated for shock and minor injuries.

The road was closed to traffic as extra troops were brought in to search for the attackers. The east Tyrone Provisional IRA later claimed responsibility and said the Queen's Own Highlanders had been singled out as a target in an increased campaign for British withdrawal.

An hour earlier Second Lieutenant Andrew Trelawny, aged 22, of Cornwall, was shot in the neck by a sniper as his foot patrol made its way beside houses in Ballymurphy Parade, west Belfast. Lieutenant Trelawny, unmarried and serving with the 1st Battlion, The Light Infantry, was seriously ill in hospital last night.

Royal Tournament

The results in yesterday's heats in the field gun competition at the Royal Tournament at Earls Court, London, were:

Afternoon: Portsmouth, 3min 5.4sec, no penalties; Fleet Air Arm, 3min 37sec, no penalties. Evening: Devonport, 3min 1.5sec, no penalties; Portsmouth, running time, 3min 35.4sec, 54 penalties, official time, 5min 59.4sec.

Running totals: Fleet Air Arm, 15min 22sec; Devonport, 11min 50.6sec; Portsmouth, 15min 39.8sec.

Bus crews strike

Bus crews at Reading, Berkshire, staged a one-day token strike yesterday in protest at overtime rates, undermanning and canteen facilities.



Restoration dispute: The future of this timber-framed public house, the Hoop and Grapes in Aldgate High Street, is in dispute between the owners, Bass Charrington, and the City of London Corporation (our Planning Reporter writes).

After more than three centuries during which the thirsts of generations of city toilers were slaked, time was finally called in the bars in December, 1975. Last year the building was declared a dangerous structure, but an application for partial demolition was refused.

Architectural historians and drinkers are unanimous that the vaulted brick cellars with their slate wine bins, the balustraded upper staircase, and the panelled rooms should be restored to their original use. But a brewery representative said yesterday that restoration would be too expensive, unless the building was converted for office use, for which permission has been sought.

'Forgery confessions' read out in court

A British Leyland executive reproduced a letter from Lord Ryder of Eaton Hastings, former chairman of the National Enterprise Board, because he did not think anyone would believe what he had seen, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Mr Henry Pownall, for the prosecution, read to the court a statement allegedly given by Graham Barton, then an executive with the company, to a newspaper executive.

The statement said that Mr Barton's personal file on alleged bribery by British Leyland was complete. But he realized that a letter from Lord Ryder he had seen in the copying room at Leyland House was a conclusive element. He stupidly, but without criminal intention, set out to reproduce its essentials.

Mr Barton, aged 34, and his wife Fatma, aged 32, of Lincroft Gardens, Hounslow, London, have denied between them a total of five charges.

They relate to the alleged forging of a copy of the "Ryder letter", forging a copy of a letter purporting to be from the Bank of England, and dishonestly using the documents to obtain £15,000 from the Daily Mail. Mrs Barton is not charged in relation to the Bank of England letter.

Mr Pownall said that according to the statement Mr Barton's discovery of irregular payments in the car firm became for him of continuing concern.

It went on: "In addition to the corrosive effect upon business morality in this country, a major consideration in my deliberations over the months was the effect of these practices in the Third World countries concerned.

"It was when I was given access to documents from the files of senior executives showing it was the intention to continue and in fact increase involvement in this kind of business practice, despite the fact that the company had been nationalized and should have been subject to the highest ethical standards, that I resolved that decisive action had to be taken to expose this matter to the general public."

He believed the public should see the Ryder letter so he carefully forged it.

Earlier, Mr Richard Herd, a reporter with the Daily Mail, who investigated allegations of bribery by Leyland told the jury he believed a "slush fund" had been operated by the firm.

Judge Alan King-Hamilton said Mr Herd's opinion did not matter. "As I have said before it is not an issue in the case except in certain eventualities".

News agency journalists plan further sanctions

By Christopher Thomas
Labour Reporter

Journalists at the Press Association, the national news agency based in Fleet Street, plan to reimpose sanctions from 7 am tomorrow in support of a pay claim.

The agency's chapel (union office branch) of the National Union of Journalists voted in favour of the action at a two-and-a-half-hour meeting yesterday in response to a management offer that the chapel described as derisory.

The sanctions, which amount to a withdrawal of good will and flexible working, were suspended nearly a fortnight ago to allow further talks. The action, which included restrictions on overtime and working outside normal hours, severely disrupted the PA services, which is sent to national newspapers, television and radio organizations, provincial newspapers and other sources such as government departments.

The 230 NUJ members at the agency are seeking parity with national newspaper journalists, which they say would mean rises of between £1,700 and £2,000. They have been offered a 10 per cent increase backdated to May 1, a revised grade and salary structure, an independent examination of possible self-financing productivity arrangements, and an increase in fixed expense allowances.

The offer would mean a basic salary increase of £586 on average for graded journalists and a 10 per cent increase in overtime and substitution payments (for performing tasks normally carried out by another staff member).

Mr Jan Yates, PA general manager, said in a circular that it was the company's intention not to break or bend Phase Three of the pay policy "within which the great majority of PA staff and their unions have settled". That policy, although constraining wideranging claims, had nevertheless resulted in very worthwhile increases in remuneration.

He said the revised grade and salary structure, while not breaking present pay policy, "offers improved and assured career and salary prospects".

Cottage siege in Oxfordshire ends peacefully

The siege in Oxfordshire ended peacefully yesterday. After staying in a cottage with his son, Mark, aged five, for six days, in the village of North Aston, David Brain gave himself up to the police without a struggle.

At 1.30 pm, Mr Brain asked over the police telephone to see a solicitor.

Mr Paul Franklin, his solicitor, went into the cottage with Mr Leslie Emmett, Assistant Chief Constable (Crime) of Thames Valley Police, and 10 minutes later the siege was over. Mr Brain walked out of the house holding his son in his arms. The boy was clutching his teddy bear and waved to photographers as they were driven to Banbury in an unmarked police car.

Mr Colin Smith, Assistant Chief Constable (Operations), said: "Brain had reached the stage where he knew it had to end. No deals were made and Brain realized it was in his own best interests to give up. It was all done peacefully."

The siege began last Thursday night. Mr Brain has been demanding an inquiry into his allegation of police misbehaviour.

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HOME NEWS

More university graduates choose jobs in manufacturing industry and fewer aim at further study

By Ian Bradley

More university graduates are going into production and manufacturing industry and fewer into the public sector and further academic study, according to a survey published today.

The survey, by the Central Services Unit for University and Polytechnic Careers and Appointments Services, covers the first destinations of all those who took undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in United Kingdom universities in the academic year 1976-77.

It shows that the level of unemployment among graduates rose to 5.8 per cent from 6.1 per cent in the academic year 1975-76, despite a rise in the national level of unemployment.

The number of first-degree graduates last year was higher than ever before, at 60,066. Of those, 35.9 per cent were women, compared with only 27 per cent in 1971-72. The survey concludes that there is little difference between the job prospects for men and women.

There was a slight decrease in the number of male graduates in pure science in 1976-77. Graduates in all other subject areas showed an increase on the previous year. The increase was particularly marked in applied science and medicine, especially among women. More than 22 per cent of women graduated in medicine than in 1976, and more than 14 per cent in applied science.

The survey shows that 2 per cent more graduates went into manufacturing industry in 1977 than in 1976. The number going into research or academic study fell by 1.5 per cent, and of those pursuing vocational training by 2.4 per cent. The most significant fall was in the numbers entering teacher-training, from 6,885 to 5,946.

Mr Geoffrey Francis, assistant secretary of the Oxford University Appointments Board, said he thought that the figures reflected the changing availability of jobs. "We are now back to the 1974 situation in terms of the greater availability of jobs for graduates in industry. At the same time there has been a change of attitude among students", he said.

"For a long time the most important thing was to go and do further study. Now people are looking in other directions. People are coming to us and saying that they ought to consider industry."

One of the most significant trends that he could discern was the increasing number of graduates going into such professions as accountancy and banking.

Mr Bernard Holloway of the Manchester University Careers Service, said he thought that there was less positive antipathy to manufacturing industry among students than there had been.

University Graduates, 1977. (Central Services Unit for Careers and Appointments Services, Crawford House, Precinct Centre, Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9EP.)

Leading article, page 17

FIRST DESTINATIONS BY % OF FIRST-DEGREE GRADUATES FROM UK UNIV.

	Research & advanced study	Voc trg	Public serv	Educ	Industry	Clerical accountancy	Banking & ins	Other commerce	Sales	Other employ
1974-75	13.6	22.0	15.2	5.0	14.2	3.7	1.2	2.6	1.3	2.9
1975-76	15.5	21.4	13.5	3.6	16.2	3.7	1.6	3.3	1.6	3.1
1976-77	12.1	19.0	13.1	2.4	16.9	4.2	1.8	3.9	1.7	3.4



Exhibits framing visitors to the Glass and Light exhibition at the Royal Exchange in the City of London Festival yesterday. Among the items on show (not illustrated) is a stained glass window in shades of blue designed by Marc Chagall for All Saints' Church at Tudeley, Kent (*Philip Howard writes*). Chagall has also designed a new window for Chichester Cathedral, which will be unveiled in October. Coloured glass is a minority art form in Britain, partly because the sun shines here only fitfully. Those who want to catch the rainbow can see the most comprehensive collection of the history of stained glass ever assembled in the United Kingdom at the Royal Exchange until August 12.

The emphasis is on the work of the twentieth century, mainly German, but the exhibition illuminates outstanding examples from the past, shining back to the earliest Saxon coloured glass of 12 centuries ago.

The exhibition is sponsored by Thorn Lighting, *The Times* and *The Sunday Times*, with financial assistance from the Crafts Advisory Committee.

Four sites in inquiry for Irish Sea gas plant

From John Chartres
Manchester

Four possible sites on the Lancashire and North Wales coast are to be examined for a 300-acre processing terminal to handle the Irish Sea gas which has been discovered 25 miles off Blackpool.

British Gas said in Manchester yesterday that investigations would probably last for nearly a year. The sites are south of the Lune estuary near Lancaster; in the Preesall-Pilling area near Fleetwood; on the south bank of the Ribble near Southport; and on the Dee estuary near Shotton, North Wales.

British Gas is likely to face a combination of resistance from environmental groups and competition to attract the project from bodies anxious to secure local investment and work opportunities.

Both the Lune and the Ribble estuaries are jealously guarded by preservationists and the latter is the subject of a dispute over the intensive farming plans of a Dutch businessman which might affect one of the most important wildlife sanctuaries in Europe.

In the Fleetwood area, however, development is sought to offset the loss of jobs resulting from the reduction in distant water fishing. On the Dee, too, there have been serious losses of job opportunities.

Mr Alexander Murray, for British Gas, emphasized that the completed shore terminal would probably provide only about a hundred permanent jobs, with fewer than 300 employed during construction.

An architect had been commissioned to help in designing the shore processing terminal. Photographs distributed yesterday show that an installation in north-east Scotland incorporates an array of single-storey buildings and pipe groupings with eight tower features about 80ft high.

Mr Murray said that it would be guesswork to speculate whether there was also oil in the Irish Sea.

The geology of the Morecambe field was extremely complex, he said, and complex designs might be necessary for the production platform and the processing plant.

The field is estimated to contain between two and three million million cubic feet of gas, roughly the normal requirement of a million consumers over 40 years.

Vast shifting sandbanks exist along the whole of the coastline and all four sites would present considerable technical difficulties in building a pipeline to the shore.

ruelty to widow nspeakable, dge says

m Our Correspondent
ttingham

Mr Justice Park told a couple Nottingham Crown Court terday that they had treated rail old woman of 77 with speakable cruelty.

He said the charges were en counts and represented treatment between June 1 September 15 last year. y were disgraceful assaults.

These offences deserve tences of imprisonment", he tinued, "but because of r age and because you have er been before a court ore they will be suspended."

ohn Brown, aged 62, a ional Coal Board clerk, and wife, Eva, aged 58, of emar Road, Forest Town, ttinghamshire, were each n a six-month prison sence suspended for two years. y were ordered to pay ally £250 towards the costs heir legal aid.

hey were convicted on two rges of assaulting Mrs Lily nnarch and causing her ily harm but were acquitted manslaughter.

Tory indication of arts support

By Kenneth Gosling
Arts Reporter

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition, told a Conservative conference on the arts in London yesterday, that it was "absolutely ridiculous" to cut support for the arts, which required only a little money to keep them going.

That indication that the Conservatives intend to maintain and increase support for the arts was welcomed by the three hundred delegates to the conference, which was called: "Arts—the way forward".

"We believe the health of the nation depends on its genius and its character", Mrs Thatcher said. "We have both and we must keep them and make practicable arrangements for them to flourish into the future." She promised to fight any party that tried to put a fetter on the freedom that was necessary for art to flourish.

A keynote speech by Lord Annan, Provost of University College London, aroused opposition. He had urged the Arts Council to give its support to promoting excellence. "In this I am a passionate elitist", he said. "I believe that the highest standards in the arts are those you should support."

He opposed help being given to anything not of lasting value. "This is why one has to be extremely sceptical of movements like fringe theatre and some aspects of community art", he said. Money could be the enemy of art and so could organizations that fought for more cash for the arts.

There was a danger that the entertainment unions, while rightly fighting for better conditions and wages, might try to extract more in wages and salaries if the state gave more money to the performing arts. "There is no guarantee that the more money you give the more art you will get." Fringe theatre was "a worthless form of art", which did not deserve support.

His views were challenged by Mr John Morton, general secretary of the Musicians' Union, who said he was concerned only to get a fair deal for the people who provided the music enjoyed by most of the population. Many musicians received not more than £80 a week.

Sir Peter Hall, director of the National Theatre, said that doubling the grants to the arts would transform the life of the country, increase our status abroad and help tourism.

Mr Roy Shaw, secretary general of the Arts Council, said Lord Annan had misled both the conference and himself. If the arts grant last year had been increased by only 5 per cent it would have made a vital difference to the work of such people as Sir Peter Hall and to the smaller art forms.

"For Lord Annan to say that money can be the enemy of the arts is absolute nonsense", he said. "We are a long way from the dangers of over-financing." He said Lord Annan's definition of elitism did not mean supporting the highest standards, but suggested that the arts should be preserved for a minority.

A staff reporter writes: A conference seminar on financing the arts gave much support for the trebling of public subsidies, increasing the 0.3 per cent of the Budget to 1 per cent for the arts.

Mr Paul Channon, Conservative MP for Southend, West, dissented, saying that it was "mad" to talk of trebling public expenditure on the arts. He saw no possibility of that happening.

Crime rise 'may become overwhelming'

Some minor crimes will not be investigated unless more policemen are recruited, Mr Philip Knights, Chief Constable of the West Midlands, said yesterday. He said the region's police were in very real danger of being completely overwhelmed.

In his annual report to the West Midlands Police Committee, 48 hours after the announcement that the police are to get substantial pay rises, Mr Knights said the number of recorded crimes in the region during 1977 rose by more than 23 per cent to an unprecedented 154,141.

The increase was reflected across the whole range of offences without exception. The frightening aspect of the increase was its rate of acceleration.

Mr Knights said that the "smokescreen" created by the recruitment of women had clouded the region's manpower position and it could not be ignored much longer. He said the effect of the wastage of experienced men on uniformed patrol strength was just as dangerous.

System to increase safety of shipping proposed

By Our Parliamentary Staff

A new pilotage service for the English Channel, Dover Straits and southern North Sea was proposed yesterday by the European Maritime Pilots' Association. In evidence to the Commons Select Committee inquiry into tanker safety it said that the service should be run by an authority set up by the governments of Belgium, France, Germany, The Netherlands and the United Kingdom.

The association said that although the principle of traffic separation and routes had contributed to the safety of shipping it would not become entirely effective until there was a reasonable assurance of compliance.

It felt that the answer lay in mandatory routes for vessels, enforced by compulsory pilotage and supported by a comprehensive radar surveillance and information service, with an efficient ship-to-ship and ship-to-shore communication system.

The association conceded that the proposed service, which would operate in the waters between a line drawn between Ushant and the Scillies in the west and the Skaw in Shetland in the east, would add to the costs of the shipping industry and of goods transported.

"However, these additional costs will be offset by the savings arising from fewer accidents, fewer repair bills and reduced compensation for damage", it stated. It suggested that the service should be financed by a levy on all vessels navigating within the area covered.

Call for seal cull

Northumberland Sea Fisheries Committee is to ask the Government to order a seal cull on the Farne Islands. It has been estimated that seals there are eating £20m worth of fish a year.

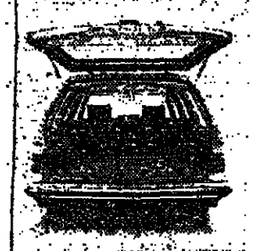
Wife murder charge

Gerald Minge, aged 23, of Lyon Square, Reading, was remanded in custody for a week by magistrates at Reading yesterday, accused of murdering his wife, Carol, on July 17.

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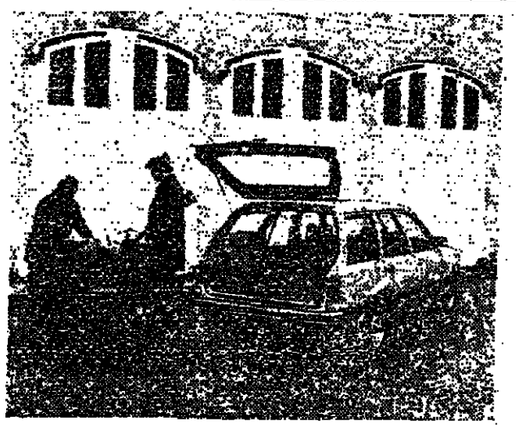


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WHITE PAPER ON SECRETS

Proposal to cut risk of prosecution over disclosures

> "In a democracy, people should have information about the workings of government. Without it, they cannot call their representatives to account and make informed use of their rights as citizens and electors. Nevertheless all governments find it necessary, in the national interest, to keep some information secret. In the wrong hands certain information could undermine our vital interests or even our safety as a sovereign and independent country.
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> Therefore, for us, as for all democracies, there is an inescapable tension between the need to keep some information secret and the requirements of openness if people are to participate in government as they should. A balance must be struck and it has to be reviewed from time to time to see that it is in keeping with current perceptions of the threat to our security and the needs of democracy."

The White Paper on reform of Section 2 of the Official Secrets Act 1911 says in part:

Since 1889 we have employed the criminal law as one important means of preserving essential secrecy. The United Kingdom is not alone in using the criminal law for this purpose.

In our case the main criminal offences relating to official information are in sections 1 and 2 of the Official Secrets Act 1911. Of these, section 1 is concerned with disclosure for a purpose prejudicial to the safety or interests of the state, whilst section 2 covers the unauthorized disclosure of official information irrespective of the discloser's purpose. It is the view of the Government that the time has come to reform section 2. This White Paper describes how section 2 might be replaced by legislation which would apply criminal sanctions to a more limited area of information.

As the Home Secretary announced in a statement to the House of Commons on 22 November 1976, the Government's proposals are based on the recommendations of the Franks committee. It will not be possible to introduce legislation in the current session of Parliament so the Government has taken the opportunity to make known its proposals in more detail. The proposals are carefully considered but comments and public discussion would be welcome on all of them. There will be time to take full account of all the comments before a Bill is brought before Parliament.

The major objection to section 2 has been that it makes it criminal to disclose an unnecessarily wide range of official information. It catches all information without distinction. There must be hundreds of technical contraventions of the Act every day as Crown servants tell friends or relatives trivial details about their work. There are two devices which help to make sense of this catch-all. Within government there is a concept of implied authorization by which communication is taken to be authorized if it is part of an officer's job. The Franks committee commented that ministers were, in effect, self-authorizing. In addition the consent of the Attorney General is an essential pre-requisite of any prosecution so that trivial and technical breaches never reach the courts. If the proposals in this White Paper command support, the Government would be ready to introduce a Bill based generally on the recommendations of the Franks committee. The receipt of information and the unauthorized disclosure of a wide range of official information would no longer be a criminal offence. The new criminal offences would include carefully defined defences so that the doubt about whether section 2(1)(a) created a strict liability offence (see paragraph above) would come to an end. The result should be to improve the quality and effectiveness of the criminal law and to remove the theoretical threat of prosecution for conduct which does not warrant it.

After further detailed consideration of the proper scope for the offences in the Bill, the Government's general approach is that laid down by the Home Secretary in his statement of 22 November 1976:

". . . in considering the categories of information that ought to be protected by the criminal law we think it right to draw a clearer distinction between home and economic policy on the one hand and security and intelligence, defence and international relations on the other. The unauthorized disclosure of any official information is wrong because it is unauthorized. But in the domestic area it will generally result in embarrassment to the Government of the day and not in any serious damage to the national interest. In the fields of security and intelligence, defence and international relations on the other hand, such damage may well result." (Official report, col 1379.)

The following three paragraphs deal with topics where the Franks committee recommended provisions which the Government does not intend to embody in an Official Information Bill. The Government has also decided to provide greater safeguards than those recommended by the Franks committee for people under threat of prosecution for unauthorized disclosure of classified information. Although it will still be for the responsible minister to certify that the information in question has been properly classified, his decision will require endorsement by the Attorney General, or, in Scotland, the Lord Advocate before prosecution is practically possible.

The Franks committee recommended that the criminal law should protect information relating to any proposals, negotiations or decisions connected with alterations in the value of sterling, or relating to the reserves, including their extent or any movement in or threat to them. The recommendation for singling out information about currency and the reserves from the whole range of economic policy was made in the climate of 1971-72. The committee was impressed by the argument that, in a system of fixed exchange rates, premature disclosure of the government's intentions could have an especially serious effect on the national interest. The Government cannot see a clear basis for distinguishing between different types of economic information.

The Franks committee also recommended (at no. 11 of their proposals) that the criminal offence should apply to Cabinet and Cabinet committee documents, that is, documents submitted for the consideration of the Cabinet and Cabinet committees and documents recording the proceedings or conclusions of the Cabinet and Cabinet committees, irrespective of subject matter and security classification. The purpose of this recommendation was to safeguard the collective responsibility of the Cabinet; and it was limited to the communication of the actual document or information based on the document in a verbatim or virtually verbatim form. The Government attaches major importance to the security of Cabinet and Cabinet committee documents. For the generality of these documents, however, the great majority of which deal with home and economic affairs, the Government considers that it is enough to rely on special distribution and handling procedures, on the sanctions of Civil Service discipline and on the judgment of ministers. It is therefore proposed that Cabinet and Cabinet committee documents should be protected by criminal sanctions only if they fall into one of the specific categories of information to be so protected.

The Franks committee recommended that it should be an offence for a Crown servant and certain others to use official information for the purpose of obtaining private gain for himself or any other person, or to communicate the information to any other person with a view to enabling that person or any other person to obtain private gain. The committee recognized that this would in effect form an extension of the existing law on corruption. The Government has decided to retain the categories of defence and internal security, international relations, law and order and confidences of the citizen which were recommended by the Franks committee, and to create a further category of intelligence and security. It is also necessary to apply criminal sanctions to protective security measures. These matters are discussed in more detail below.

There is likely to be a broad measure of agreement that information about defence measures and equipment deserves to be protected by the criminal law. The Government is in no doubt about the Franks committee's recommendation for a category of defence and internal security. Among those who gave evidence to the committee opinion was more divided about international relations. It is, perhaps, less self-evident than in the case of defence that some information in the field of international relations deserves protection by the criminal law. But the Government's firm view is that, as the Franks report recommended, there should be a category of international relations in order to cover, for example, information about the international negotiations on the success of which could turn matters of vital national interest. In the case of some international negotiations, as the Franks committee pointed out, "the frank and honest exposure of differing points of view, the exploration of possible concessions, the striking of bargains, is handicapped if conducted in the open".

Having argued the need for these two categories, the committee went on to point out that there is no reason to protect a piece of information with criminal sanctions just because it is concerned with defence or international relations. Some defence and international relations information is public knowledge; other information is about to be made public and it would do no serious damage for it to be disclosed a little earlier than the Government had intended. So it followed that in these categories the Franks committee had to find a way to distinguish between information which deserved protection and that which did not. There is a legitimate public interest in the way our country is defended and the way our international relations are conducted. It would be quite wrong for the natural tension between the need for secrecy and the public wish for information to be resolved by applying the criminal law to the unauthorized disclosure of all information in these categories. The Government, therefore, endorses the Franks approach.

The Franks committee recommended that information in the categories of defence and international relations should only be protected if its disclosure, by a Crown servant, contrary to his official duty, would cause at least serious injury to the interests of the nation. In order that Crown servants and others would know where they stood in relation to particular information, the Franks committee suggested that documents should only be protected if marked with the word SECRET or, in the case of certain defence information, marked DEFENCE—CONFIDENTIAL. In his statement to the House of Commons in November 1976, the Home Secretary proposed that the concept of DEFENCE—CONFIDENTIAL should be extended to become DEFENCE AND INTERNATIONAL CONFIDENTIAL in order to cover a wider range of defence and international relations information than the Franks committee had suggested.

Where to draw the line

One important question in this area is whether the right test for criminality is serious injury to the interests of the nation, which is the current definition for the classification SECRET for official information. The Franks report recognized that some people might consider it anomalous not to protect to the fullest possible extent information in the defence field which might not meet the high test of serious injury to the nation but was still capable of doing some damage to our interest. A sensible case can be made out for drawing the line somewhat less tightly than the Franks committee recommended, for example, by adopting the test of whether the disclosure would be prejudicial to the interests of the nation, which is the current difinition for the classification CONFIDENTIAL for official information. It could be argued that if information justifies the various physical measures that are required to protect what is classified CONFIDENTIAL it is reasonable to employ the criminal law as a deterrent against unauthorized disclosure.

Problems arise in the field of international relations. There is material, now classified CONFIDENTIAL, which might if revealed either prejudice the success of international negotiations, damage relations with other countries or endanger the safety of United Kingdom citizens overseas or of foreign nationals. This material is properly classified CONFIDENTIAL rather than SECRET because its disclosure would fall short of the test of causing serious injury to the interests of the nation, whatever might be the other effects of its disclosure. It was to safeguard this type of material that the Government proposed in 1976 extending DEFENCE—CONFIDENTIAL to DEFENCE AND INTERNATIONAL CONFIDENTIAL. However, it could equally be held that the risk of unauthorized disclosure of such information does not warrant the additional safeguard of criminal sanctions, in which case the test of criminality in the foreign affairs field would be "serious injury" (ie the current test for SECRET) as the Franks report recommended.

The question of where to draw the line is complicated by the difficulties which led to the recommendation in the Franks report for information classified DEFENCE—CONFIDENTIAL to be protected by the criminal law. Some information in the defence field which really satisfies the test for a marking of SECRET is nevertheless marked CONFIDENTIAL for reasons which the Franks committee took into account. The first reason is the very large quantity of classified information in the defence field. Every effort is made to reduce the requirements for the handling of TOP SECRET and SECRET information in the Ministry of Defence and by defence contractors so that resources can be conserved and more effort can be devoted to the close protection of especially sensitive information. Secondly, the disclosure of a large number of individual items of information, each properly classified CONFIDENTIAL (for example, details of the performance of new military equipment) would in many cases cause serious injury to the national interest if it were all assembled together, for example, on a computer tape. Thirdly, there are special arrangements, particularly with the United States, for the safeguarding of defence information which is known to more than one country. Much of this information, though highly sensitive, bears a security marking of CONFIDENTIAL in agreement with the United States authorities. The Franks committee saw the force of these arguments but recommended that its solution of a marking of DEFENCE — CONFIDENTIAL should only be used in relation to information about military weapons and equipment. The Government is satisfied that DEFENCE — CONFIDENTIAL should be used for a wider range of defence information than Franks suggested. Similar considerations arise in relation to information about defence policy and strategy, as the Home Secretary said in November 1976, and in relation to the other types of defence information, that is, intelligence and security, military treaties and arrangements with other countries and internal defence and security.

Although it is necessary to take account of the origins of DEFENCE—CONFIDENTIAL and the Government's decision to apply it to a wider range of defence information, these considerations do not help directly in deciding what should be the test for criminality. While criminal sanctions might be justified for some of the information which meets the "prejudicial" test but not the "serious injury" test, to adopt the "prejudicial" test would necessarily bring in a considerable volume of other information which does not need this protection.

The Government believes, however, that the scope of the criminal law in this field must be restricted. The Government's present view is that, despite the arguments rehearsed in paragraphs 19 and 20, it would be best to follow the recommendation of the Franks committee by adopting the test of "serious injury" in the defence and international relations field. DEFENCE — CONFIDENTIAL would not be extended to information concerned with international relations outside the defence field and it would not be extended to defence information which would be no more than "prejudicial" to our interests if disclosed.

Partly because of the need for people to know where they stand and partly because offences involving the disclosure of a marked document should be readily capable of proof, marking will still be very important. The system of classification markings would be embedded in the Bill, as the Franks committee recommended, by including the definitions of each security marking in the Bill and providing an enabling power for regulations about classification to be made. It would also seem desirable, in view of the way the offence would be drafted, to provide that, where the accused was alleged to have handled a classified document, the fact that it was marked in accordance with the provisions of the Bill should raise a presumption that the accused knew or had reasonable cause to believe that the information in question was protected by the Act.

The Franks committee recommended that before there was a prosecution for the disclosure of information in the categories of defence and international relations, the responsible minister should review the information in question to see whether its unauthorized disclosure would cause serious injury to the interests of the nation. If he was satisfied on the point, he should give a certificate to that effect to the court and only in that case would a prosecution take place. This certificate was to be conclusive evidence that the disclosure of the information would cause serious injury to our interests. The Government accepts that the only appropriate person to conduct the review of the status of the information is the responsible minister. In almost every case he will not have been involved in any decision about the proper level of classification marking so that he will bring to bear a fresh and independent mind. Only he can be fully aware of the context which would determine whether the disclosure would cause serious injury. As an additional safeguard, the question will also be studied by the Attorney General or, in Scotland, the Lord Advocate. If he agrees that the information meets the serious injury test, he will authorize the certificate to be entered in evidence in the trial. Otherwise, he will not authorize the certificate to be entered in evidence, which would mean in effect that there could be no prosecution.

It was suggested in the Franks report that the Government should enter into discussions with representatives of the news media and with any other interests directly affected with a view to the establishment of an informal committee on classification. The Home Secretary would be ready to initiate the discussions as recommended, nearer the time that it seems likely that a Bill is to be introduced.

As is mentioned above, the Franks committee recommended that there should be a law and order category. The Government agrees that it should be a criminal offence to disclose information (including police, prison and Post Office information) which comes within one of the three following descriptions:

(a) it is likely to be helpful in the commission of offences;
(b) it is likely to be helpful in facilitating an escape from legal custody or other acts prejudicial to prison security;
(c) its disclosure would be likely to impede the prevention or detection of offences or the apprehension or prosecution of offenders.

It is central to the continuation of our way of life that law and order should be preserved. There is a legitimate and desirable public interest in information relating to the organization and conduct of the police, the courts and the prisons, but there can be no legitimate interest in information which, for example, would help directly in the commission of a crime. Nevertheless the Government is concerned that, when the definition of this category comes to be drafted for the Bill, it should be framed so that there can be no doubt that the criminal sanction applies only when there are strong reasons, as set out above, for preserving confidentiality.

The Franks committee recommended that the new offence should catch information given to the Government by private individuals or concerns, whether given by reason of compulsory powers or otherwise, and whether or not given on an express or implied basis of confidence. The report based the case for criminal sanctions for this category on the need to maintain the relationship of trust between the state and the citizen, and not on considerations of privacy. This accounted for the limitation to information given to the Government.

Confidences of the citizen

Nevertheless, in the House of Commons debate on the Franks report in June, 1973, both the Government and the Opposition took the view that in view of the current concern with the protection of privacy, the area of information to be protected should be wider than that recommended by the committee. The Home Secretary of the day, now Lord Carr, said that confidences held by a government department, however acquired, required protection by the criminal law from improper disclosure. The Government agrees with this view. The offence should cover all confidences of the citizen held by Crown servants. The main consideration is the paramount importance of reassuring individuals and companies etc that any information about them held by Crown servants will not be improperly disclosed. Another practical consideration is that many files contain an amalgam of information given to a Crown servant and information acquired by other means. It is not always practicable months or years later to identify the category to which a particular piece of information belongs. Examples of the type of information that would be covered by this category are damaging information about private citizens or organizations that is gathered by the police but does not lead to a prosecution, personal details given to civil servants by social security applicants and particulars given to the revenue departments by individual and corporate tax payers.

It must be recognized that as a result of this category a very high proportion of the papers in government departments, etc, particularly those where a large number of officials is employed on personal cases, will continue to be subject to criminal sanctions for unauthorized disclosure. But the Government regards these proposals as an important contribution towards safeguarding privacy and believes that they will be generally welcomed.

Confidences of the citizen would include assessments and opinions about an individual or concern as well as facts. An assessment of one private individual by another private individual, for example in connexion with a job application, could be a confidence of both individuals. In practice it would sometimes be hard to see the dividing line between fact and opinion, even if the Bill were to seek to draw one. A confidence will not include information which has already been communicated to the general public, for example by publication in a newspaper or journal on sale to anyone. Much information finds its way on to files in the form of press cuttings. It would be wrong for a Crown servant even theoretically to be liable to prosecution if he mentioned to another person something that he had seen in a press cutting.

Apart from protecting information about individuals, information about organizations will also be protected and the Government agrees with the Franks committee that the confidences of private firms and other private bodies only should be protected. Any distinction between the private and public sector is difficult to frame with complete consistency.

The Franks committee recommended that security and intelligence information should be protected only if its disclosure would cause serious injury to the interests of the nation, ie, if it merited classification as at least SECRET. As the Home Secretary announced, the Government has concluded that information relating to security and intelligence matters is deserving of the highest protection whether or not it is classified. This is pre-eminently an area where the gradual accumulation of small items of information, apparently trivial in themselves, could eventually create a risk for the safety of an individual or constitute a serious threat to the interests of the nation as a whole. Information about security and intelligence matters will therefore be a separate category in the Bill. It will also be necessary to apply criminal sanctions to information about such measures for the protection of official information as cyphers, keys, passes, communications equipment and other physical and technical means of preserving security and information about such measures. Further thought will need to be given to how best to cover protective security measures when the Bill comes to be drafted.

The Franks committee proposed that, under a new Official Information Act, the main offence would be committed by a "Crown servant" rather than, as at present under section 2 of the 1911 Act, by "a person holding office under Her Majesty". The definition of Crown servants was to include:

(a) Ministers of the Crown;
(b) civil servants including the Northern Ireland Civil Service;
(c) members of the Armed Forces;
(d) members of police forces;
(e) members of the Atomic Energy Authority and the Post Office;
(f) persons employed by or serving under the direction or control of any of the above classes and members of the legal profession acting for the Crown or for the police in bringing prosecutions;
(g) former members of any of the above classes.

The report suggested that the general criterion for deciding whether the new Act should treat officers of bodies which are not government departments in the same way as Crown servants is whether the regular functions of the body involve dealing on its own account with information protected by criminal sanctions, and whether that body itself generates information of this kind. The Government has reviewed all organizations and groups in the public sector not mentioned in the definition in the Franks report to see whether any satisfy this criterion. The Government is satisfied that the Civil Aviation Authority needs to be added to the list because it regularly receives and generates sensitive information relating to defence and internal security. Gaming Board inspectors must also be included because their work is very similar to the work of the police. There are also some other bodies, the work of which is connected with that of the Ministry of Defence or the Atomic Energy Authority, which will have to be covered.

The offences which will apply to Crown servants will be as described at 13-17 of the summary of proposals in the Franks report save that, for the reasons described above, the defence in the categories of defence and international relations will be that a person did not know, and had no reason to believe, that the information was covered by the Act.

In the main the Government proposes to accept as they stand the recommendations of the Franks committee about contractors and persons entrusted with official information in confidence. But in addition the Government intends to make it an offence for a contractor or person entrusted with information in confidence wrongfully to disclose a confidence of the citizen.

In relation to those who have no kind of special relationship to central government, as a Crown servant or contractor and so on, the main change will be that the mere receipt of protected information will no longer be a criminal offence. This has been one of the most widely criticized features of section 2. After careful study the Government believes that the main offence to be committed by a citizen should be a modification of the definition in the Franks report (at 20 of the proposals in the annex) so that it would be an offence for a person to communicate information (other than information covered by the confidences of the citizen category) otherwise than in accordance with an authorization given on behalf of the Crown if the information was covered by the Act at the time and if the accused knew or had reasonable cause to believe that the information was so covered. This omits the requirement that a contravention of the Act by some other person should be proved and the requirement of proof that the citizen had cause to suspect that the information had reached him as a result of a breach of the law by someone else. These are replaced by an onus on the prosecution to show that the accused knew or had reasonable cause to believe that the information was protected. The formulation recommended in the report does not cover a series of possible circumstances where a member of the public might obtain protected information without a breach of the Act by someone else. For example, it is possible to steal documents or to read or photocopy documents to which one should not have had access or to hear information on the telephone because of a crossed line. It does not seem defensible for a person to be liable to conviction for disclosing information handed to him in breach of the Act but not if he had stolen the document containing the information. The proposed changes fill this gap but without removing the safeguards against unjustified prosecution which are implicit in the above definition of the offence.

Offences by Crown servants

As a result of the change it will be possible to dispense with the specific offence recommended by the Franks committee of communicating a document classified and marked SECRET. There will be an additional ancillary offence of failing or neglecting to comply with a direction issued by a lawful authority to return a document covered by the Act which is in someone's possession without an authorization from the Crown. This is needed to make sure that a citizen returns a document when asked to do so. Civil procedures would not always be sufficiently urgent or effective. The Government believes that section two in its present form because of its very wide ambit does have an inhibiting effect on openness in government. It is in no doubt that reform of this section is not only a much needed improvement of the criminal law but a necessary preliminary to greater openness in government. It is settled government policy to continue to expand the flow of information to Parliament and the public, in particular in setting out the background to major policy decisions. In July, 1977, the head of the Home Civil Service issued, with the approval of the Prime Minister, instructions to departments designed to make official information even more generally available. Since that time all departments have been increasing the volume and range of information made available.

The instructions issued by the then Head of the Home Civil Service in July 1977, which will need time to achieve their full effect, do not mean that all announcements of government decisions will or should be accompanied by an appendix of supporting departmental papers.

So the Government accepts an obligation to publish more information and will continue to develop its practice accordingly. The question is whether to go further, perhaps by creating a statutory right of access to information on the lines of the legislation in force in some other countries, notably in the United States and Sweden.

The United States Freedom of Information Act provides that any person is entitled to access to all United States government agency records except to the extent that the record, or part of it, is exempt. A very wide range of material must therefore be disclosed on request. The nine exempted categories roughly cover "classified" defence and foreign relations information; limited kinds of purely internal matters; matters exempted by various other statutes; trade secrets; privileged intra-governmental documents; personal or other similar files, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy; law enforcement investigation; the supervision of financial institutions; and geological and geophysical information on oil wells.

In Sweden, the Freedom of the Press Act, first introduced as part of the Constitution in 1766, incorporates the right of free access to the documents of public offices. Again there are exceptions which are all detailed in the Secrecy Act; they relate to national security, foreign relations, criminal matters, private financial matters and information concerning the personal integrity and safety of individuals. There is also an exception for "working papers" prepared by an authority for the purpose of reaching a decision.

Legislation on these lines would completely change the nature of the Government's obligations: instead of accepting a declared obligation to make more information available, operating on a voluntary and discretionary basis, the Government would be under a statutory duty to disclose all and any information that might be demanded unless it was specifically exempted from doing so. In any event there would have to be exemptions and exceptions, as there are in the United States and Swedish legislation: and it should be noted that the exemptions and exceptions to those provisions cover at least as wide a range of matters as that to which legislation to reform section 2 of the Official Secrets Act, as proposed in this White Paper, would apply. Legislation to put the Government under a statutory duty to disclose information on demand would have wide implications. First, resource costs. While there have been differing estimates of the cost of the United States legislation it is clear that it has been unexpectedly high. Perhaps more fundamentally, it is at least for consideration how far the analogy from foreign experience should be pressed. In order to achieve the reasonable objectives of open government in the British context, where the policies and decisions of the executive are under constant and vigilant scrutiny by Parliament and ministers are directly answerable in Parliament, it may be neither necessary nor desirable to proceed to legislation of a kind which may be justifiable in other and often very different contexts—for instance, that of the United States.

This is a matter on which the Government has come to no conclusion and has an open mind. The Government recognizes that its proposals do not go as far as the Labour Party manifesto of October, 1974, which proposed that the Official Secrets Act should be replaced "by a measure to put the burden on public authorities to justify withholding information".

We regard, however, the reform of section 2 of the Official Secrets Act 1911 on the lines set out in this White Paper as a necessary precursor of further change, as well as of improvements of attitudes in the public service. In the meantime we shall continue to develop the practice of open government as explained above; but it remains the case that, however far the practice of open government may be developed or the law on access to information changed, there will remain some categories of information—including information whose disclosure would invade individual privacy—which cannot and should not be disclosed, and which will need to be protected not only by criminal sanctions against unauthorized disclosure but also by exemption from any obligation to publish on request.

Reform of Section 2 of the Official Secrets Act 1911. (Cmd 7285. Stationery Office. 70p).

Refusal to release background papers

By Peter Hennessy

The Home Office and the Civil Service Department yesterday refused a formal request from *The Times* for background factual and analytical papers used in briefing GEN 29, the Prime Minister's Cabinet committee on official secrecy, which drafted the White Paper published yesterday.

The approach was made under the terms of paragraph six of a letter entitled "Disclosure of Official Information?" sent to heads of government departments on July 6, 1977, by Sir Douglas Allen (now Lord Croham), then Head of the Home Civil Service. It outlined the methods to be used in implementing Mr Callaghan's pledge of more open government.

It stated: "When policy studies are being undertaken in future, the background material should, as far as possible, be written in a form which would permit it to be published separately, with the minimum of alteration, once a ministerial decision to do so has been taken."

Reminded of Lord Croham's instruction yesterday, a Home Office representative replied: "The Franks report of 1972 is the raw material. There is nothing further to be published. Paragraph 49 of the White Paper promises more detailed study of overseas experience. It is premature to ask for background papers until it is completed."

Asked specifically for memoranda written by Mr Roy Jenkins, former Home Secretary, and Sir Arthur Peterson, former Permanent Secretary at the Home Office, after their visit to Washington in January, 1975, to examine the workings of the United States Freedom of Information Acts, 1966 and 1974, the representative replied: "Those memos are not background papers; they are impressions from conversations, internal notes. Until you do a study, and the White Paper now makes it clear that the Government has not yet done one but will be doing one, you cannot expect background papers."

The Times then asked the Civil Service Department for background papers on the options for open government and for its appraisals of overseas experience. A representative replied: "The background is the Franks report. We can only give factual and analytical material under the terms of Sir Douglas Allen's letter and there is none of that which is separable from policy advice to ministers.

"There are other papers on foreign experience, but these were given to us in confidence and we cannot release them. We can promise that the conclusions of the new study will be published. In accordance with the Allen policy, we shall aim to publish the background papers as well."

A Civil Service committee on official information has been preparing material for GEN 29 for some time under the chairmanship of Mr John Moore, Deputy Secretary in charge of the Civil Service Department's personnel management group.

It will be the responsibility of Mr Moore and his colleagues to fulfil the Government's new promise of "a more detailed study than has so far been possible of overseas experience and its relevance to our own constitutional system in order to see what further action, whether by means of legislative or by non-statutory methods, may be desirable."

Thirty Labour MPs yesterday signed an early-day motion criticizing the Government for its failure to implement its manifesto pledge of October, 1974, to replace the Official Secrets Act with a measure to put the burden on the public authorities to justify withholding information from the public. It also deplored the failure to publish background documents to the White Paper as promised in Lord Croham's letter.

The motion, entitled "Behind closed doors", was sponsored by Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk, MP for Ormskirk.



Mr Moore: Head of study team

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Independent group calls for Act to bridge extremes

By Stewart Tendler

An Official Information Act bridging the two extremes of the Official Secrets Act and the Freedom of Information Act in the United States is proposed today by the Outer Circle Policy Unit as a viable alternative to the Government's White Paper.

The unit, an independent "think tank" funded by the Rowntree Trust, has drafted a suggested Bill that would provide both access to information and safeguards for areas requiring protection because it is felt that the Government's proposals, while making the law clearer, will not contribute to a greater flow of information to the public.

The Government is prepared to leave the issue in the area of administrative practice by using more Green Papers and background reports. But the unit argues that greater public access to information should be a matter for legislation.

It suggests a right of access to official documents except those exempted such as those on defence, security, foreign relations (except the EEC), law enforcement or proceedings, information already protected by statute, individuals and Cabinet proceedings for a period of five years after the document's creation.

The Act would not stop a government from publishing information from those areas at its discretion and there would be three types of official information. One would be information to which there is no access, such as defence, and protected by legal sanctions.

A second would be information to which there is no access but no sanctions, such as Cabinet papers, and the third would be information to which there is access.

The latter category would cover manuals and books that provide interpretations and guidelines within departments. The unit points to such documents as the secret rule books used for social security, immigration and prison administration.

The cost of instituting the Act would be about £15m a year, but the unit thinks it would be well spent since the Act would alter the balance between an expanded Civil Service, the few politicians in charge and Parliament, to whom they are responsible.

Text of the Act from Outer Circle Policy Unit, 4 Cambridge Terrace, London, NW1 4JL, £1.

HOME NEWS

Brigadier develops telephone system

By Our Defence Correspondent

An army officer has led a team to a scientific advance that may have enormous implications for the future of speech communication by radio or telephone. One likely result is that the world's telephone system will be able to cope with five times the present traffic through the same number of lines.

The officer is Brigadier R. King, aged 49, of the Royal Corps of Signals, who began research into the processing of human speech while at the Royal Military College of Science eight years ago.

The advance has come, however, since the Army sent him last year to Bath University where he joined Professor William Gosling, Head of the School of Electronic Engineering.

Brigadier King has been studying a more efficient method for transmitting speech by wire or radio, something that has baffled scientists for many years.

Speech is transmitted at a rate measured in "bits-per-second" (bps). Most modern telephone systems operate at 64,000 bps, which is extremely wasteful. Military communication systems work on only 16,000 bps, but only by according a lower quality of voice reproduction.

Previous research had succeeded in bringing down the rate to 2,500 bps, but only by using bulky, costly, and complex equipment. Now Brigadier King and his team have developed a system which is less than a tenth of that cost and involves a terminal smaller than a shoe box.

A prototype is being built at the university and a patent application has been filed with the National Research Development Corporation. World sales might run to millions of pounds, according to the Army last night.

Deep-sea divers, the partially deaf and language students among the special cases who might benefit in the long term from the development.

Brigadier King, who has already made a fellow of the university, said last night "In the end the answer was so simple that I had trouble in convincing myself that it really would work. Details of the system, which has obvious military implications, are still classified.

Ordination of women still unresolved issue

From Our Correspondent

Athens, July 19

The discussions between the Anglican Communion and the Orthodox Churches have apparently not resolved differences over the ordination of women.

The meetings, which began last week with informal talks among the 50 delegates, followed by formal sessions beginning on Monday, end today. A communique is to be issued tomorrow.

The Bishop of St Albans, the Right Rev Robert Runcie, who led the Anglican delegation, left yesterday for London, this afternoon. He was joint chairman of the meetings at the Petraki monastery with Archbishop Athenagoras of Thyateira, Great Britain, leader of the Orthodox group.

Before this Athens meeting the Orthodox Church had rejected the ordination of women, and there appeared to be no change here in the Orthodox view of this issue.

There appeared, however, to be some progress in the discussions on *Filioque*, the clause in the Western Nicene Creed which asserts the doctrine of the procession of the Holy Ghost from the Son as well as from the Father.

Further appeal on Canalettos

Although enough money has been pledged to save for export the two Canaletto paintings of Warwick Castle, £137,500 of the £550,000 fee was an interest-free loan, and a further appeal was launched yesterday for money to repay it.

The paintings of the front and back of Warwick Castle, bought for Birmingham Museums and Art Gallery with the help of the anonymous donor who has to be repaid by the end of June next year.

Shop workers' pay demand

Shop workers are demanding a £55 minimum basic wage for a 35-hour week in a campaign launched yesterday by the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers.

Lord Allen of Fallowfield, the union's general secretary, said there were still far too many members earning less than £50 a week.

Speelman joins chess leaders

Botterill and Wade both won in the fourth round of the Rothschild Silk chess tournament in London yesterday. That allowed Speelman, who won his game, to share them in the lead. Results:

Adjourned game, round 3: G. Botterill 1, J. G. Goodman 0. Round 4: R. Wade 1, J. Murray D. Goodman 0, J. S. Knaldin 0, J. Silva ½, J. Botterill ½; R. J. Mc G. J. Speelman 1; 1 Hodgson 1 Littlewood 0.

Standings after fourth round: Botterill, Speelman and R. Wade 3½; Knaldin, Silva, Goodman and H. Pinkham, Mrs. P. Littlewood, J. Durao, 2½.

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ME NEWS

£30m for councils to provide gypsy sites

By Our Social Services Correspondent

The Government is to spend up to £30m over the next five years in helping local authorities to provide about 300 gypsy sites. The money will be made available from housing budgets and will be paid to councils as 100 per cent grants for the capital costs of caravan sites.

The announcement, made in a Parliamentary written reply last night by Mr Kenneth Marks, Under-Secretary of State at the Department of the Environment, showed that the Government has accepted most of the proposals of the Cripps report on gypsy accommodation. Mr Marks made clear that the new grants will be made availble immediately.

He said: "There are probably six thousand gypsy families who can find no place to camp legally. This means great distress to gypsies and to residents who live near illegal sites. The urgent need, therefore, is for more authorized sites."

The Government had decided to give district councils designation powers, against the advice of the Cripps report, because the local authority associations were unanimous that such powers would be a real incentive to provide sites. Designation gives councils greater powers to remove gypsies from unauthorized sites.

Mr Mmrks said the Government recognized that London had special difficulties and that inner London boroughts should not have to provide for more than 15 caravans each. But outer London boroughs should not be restricted to atht figure.

The new grants were welcomed last night by Mr Frank Bushell, chairman of the housing and environmental health committee of the Association of District Councils, although he had reservations if funding was to be taken from existing budgets. Any attempt to regularize gpysy encumpments was welcome, he said.



Twenty dogs accompanied by about fifty people walking through Scott Park, Burnley, yesterday, in spite of a High Court injunction upholding the local council's by-law banning dogs from the park.

Judge finds police at fault over arrest

Alan Ford, the actor, who recently appeared in the BBC television series *Law and Order*, was acquitted at the Central Criminal Court yesterday of assaulting three police officers.

Ordering the police to pay Mr Ford's costs, Judge McKinnon, QC, said: "He is a man of good character. I do not think it can be too widely known that the powers of the police, like the powers of everybody else in this country, including judges, are limited." In this case, the police were inadvertently at fault, he said.

Mr Ford, aged 40, of High Road, South Woodford, London, had been charged with assaulting Police Constable Elizabeth Barham, aged 24, causing actual bodily harm; assaulting Police Constables John Collins and Colin Mackie in the execution of their duty; and dangerous driving. He was acquitted of all four charges on the direction of the judge.

Mr Nicholas Philpot, for the prosecution, said that during police observation of a house in which it was suspected there were drugs, Mr Ford had been ordered to stop by WPC Barham as he drove off, but he accelerated away. She had been hanging on to the open driver's window by her fingers and fell in the road.

Later that night, when police officers went to arrest Mr Ford at his home, he bent one officer's wrist back and pushed another against a wall.

In evidence WPC Barham said she had been told to stop the van by another officer but had not been given a reason.

Mr David Croft, for the defence, submitted that the officers had gone into Mr Ford's house without authority. PC Collins had no power to arrest Mr Ford for assault in his own home.

Mr Croft said he would have had power to arrest Mr Ford for assault occasioning actual bodily harm, but when arresting him he simply told him it was for assault.

Agreeing, Judge McKinnon said the defendant merely drove his car away and the policewoman who hung onto it and fell off was the author of her own misfortune.

Judge McKinnon said there was no case for Mr Ford to answer. "No one could say that he had attacked her, assaulted her or done any hostile act to her. He had not been told why he was to stop.

"If a police officer says 'stop', and does not give any reason, I am entitled to say 'No, I have got an appointment', and go on.

"That is the law in England today. We are not a police state.

"A police officer always has to warn a suspect why he is wanted and why he is being detained. You cannot just arrest a suspect for no reason. The WPC did not know the reason.

Referring to the police visit to Mr Ford's house, the judge said: "You cannot go into a man's house to arrest him for assault. If you do you are offending an old maxim: an Englishman's home is his castle.

"He was being arrested for an offence that is not an arrestable offence. It follows that if he was trying to eject those police officers he was entitled to do it. You are entitled to throw somebody out who comes into your house against your will. That is purely a question of law."

Solicitor to be struck off

John Antony Port, a solicitor, of London Wall Buildings, City of London, was ordered yesterday to be struck off the roll for unbefitting conduct. He has 14 days in which to appeal.

The Solicitors' Disciplinary Tribunal found that he had failed to handle certain clients' affairs with reasonable speed and had deceived them. It also held that he had produced and uttered a document in circumstances in which it amounted to a forgery.

Tories advocate pay flexibility

By Our Political Staff

A system of responsible and realistic pay bargaining must be restored, Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, the Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer, said yesterday in advance of the White Paper on pay and the economy.

In a statement on "phase four", Sir Geoffrey stressed that the return to flexibilty in an atmosphere of realism and commonsense could not be postponed again.

Whereas Mr James Callaghan, the Prime Minister, is anxious for pay increases in the coming year to be in single figures, with5 per cent believed to be the target, Sir Geoffrey wants the restablishment of conditions in which pay awards vary, without being constrained to a maximum figure.

He blamed the years of pay rigidity for the erosion of skills, discouragement of skill, and shortage of qualified labour.

During the last five years, Sir Geoffrey said the take-home pay of a building labourer had been cut in value by 8 per cent, that of a building foreman by 27 per cent, and that of a senior manager by up to 50 per cent.

"This destruction of incentives is a recipe for economic suicide, so next year we must make a substantial start on reversing that trend", he said.

"Pay awards can, and should, vary widely around whatever average the nation can afford: according to the profitability of a business and the productivity of its workers, as well as . . . The market demand for services and skills of different kinds."

Sir Geoffrey was emphatic that that did not mean there was no role for the government. Any government must consider as a matter of course, the likely out-turn of the nation's economy in the year ahead. The cash limits of public spending in the year ahead must also be planned.

That would involve making a precise estimate of the cash limits to cover future public-sector pay increases, because cash limits were the key to pay bargaining in the public sector.

Pay policy sanctions were dismissed as a long-term solution. Sir Geoffrey emphasized that their imposition could not be combined with an attempt to return to greater flexibility. Constitutionally, sanctions had been a monstrosity and they had been the cause of industrial strife. They had made a return to responsibility and understanding more difficult.

Monday Club critic of Tory pledge on land Act

By John Young
Planning Reporter

The generally right-wing Monday Club, in a paper published yesterday, places itself at odds with the Conservative Party leadership over repeal of the Community Land Act.

Mr David Rowell, the author of the paper, argues that the party's promise to repeal the Act was based even more on emotion than the Act itself. There is little sign of any deep thought about devising a better solution to the very real problems with which it was designed, however misguidedly, to cope.

It would be impossible to return to the pre-1976 system of planning control for two reasons, he states. First, it is generally conceded that to allow local authorities virtually unlimited powers to veto proposed development, but only a limited capacity to initiate it, is unsatisfactory and, in the long term, unworkable.

Second, it is politically impossible not to tax development gains. That was admitted by Mr Anthony Barber, the last Conservative Chancellor of the Exchequer, when he introduced proposals for such a tax in December, 1973.

If, therefore, the Act is to be repealed, an examination of the whole purpose and structure of planning in Britain is required. In particular there is a need to consider how far it is necessary to have control of all development.

rd appeals for workers remain calm

Ronald Macintyre
Labour Reporter

Ford management yesterday declared itself opposed to racial discrimination and appealed to Dagenham assembly workers to stay calm in the face of tension among Asians in the plant.

The declaration came in a letter to 2,500 workers at the Dagenham car trim and assembly plant after a supervisor was confronted by about twenty Asians in the early hours of yesterday.

The letter, from Mr Ivor Williams, the plant manager, said: "It is the company's policy to operate all its procedures without discrimination based on race, colour or ethnic grounds. The use of the company's policy practise, full integration of all employees in the industrial community."

Production had been increased when one of the Asians' colleagues had been attacked by a gang of white men near a public house at Chadwell Heath, east London, on Saturday night. The circumstances of the attack, Mr Suryakant Patel, was given 18 stitches for head wounds.

The company says the supervisor had to reprimand Mr Patel during an argument on Friday night.

Yesterday's letter from Mr Joynes confirms that allegations have been made of discrimination by a member of the supervision staff but on the physical assault, it says Mr Patel's assailants were unknown to him and "at no time has any employee of the company been identified to the police as having been involved or connected with this attack. The police are continuing their investigations.

"I would urge all employees to remain calm and I hope that we shall be able to preserve the good community relationships which already exist in the assembly plant."

Mr Brian Elliott, the union convener at the plant, who visited Mr Patel yesterday, said later that there had been no further trouble in the plant since Tuesday morning's incident.

Doctor calls for sport injury report

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

A national survey of injuries caused by sporting activities was proposed by Dr Ian Adams, a consultant physician, at St James's University Hospital, Leeds, yesterday.

During a conference on recreation, risk and reward organized by the Medical Commission on Accident Prevention, in London, he argued for better "selection" of individuals for particular sports, whether for international athletics or weekend recreation.

He said the idea of selection for sport was potentially controversial. Anything that limited the individual to undertake an activity of his own choosing might be considered repressive. But in certain circumstances the burden on society by an individual's action might be considered unacceptable.

Sport caused a number of injuries, some of which had permanent after-effects and resulted in a few deaths. He believed that they could be greatly reduced. It must be done at an early stage when the child could be more easily directed into a suitable sport.

He argued that a youngster's future in sport and in life should not be jeopardized by unknown and unnecessary risks, or by a premature return to competition after injury or illness. A second level of selection for excellence was for grooming those possible of obtaining gold medals. We must decide whether we could or should afford centres of excellence an if so, how large and how excellent.

The third selection was for exercise in middle age, which was most closely related to the routine practice of medicine. Sensible, progressive exercise for that group would benefit the majority. Unfortunately, the press eagerly reported the death of a middle-aged jogger but failed to give the same prominence to the much greater number of middle-aged non-joggers who died in bed or from unaccustomed activities.

However, the main part of selection was an initial medical examination to determine general health and to discover and condition that predisposed to injury or limited activity.

There were many aspects of selection. The early developer might be four years more mature than the late reveloper of the same age, and to place the two form-mates in, say, the same rugby game might be disastrous. Other aspects of selection such as posture flexibility and strength required skills other than medical assessment. Sports medicine was one of the few areas where a doctor with a touch of the divinity was not a success.

Each year the physiological difference between the sedentary person of 20 and the international athlete becomes greater. That presented rificulties for doctors who have had no training in sports injuries in diagnosing and treating conditions.

Correction

Dean Vending International Ltd, referred to in the report of the Royal Commission on Gambling as one of the firms offering lottery schemes to local authorities, states that it withdrew from the lottery business last November. The company, which manufactures automatic merchandising equipment, was incorrectly described as a pools firm in a report on July 14.

olunteers are ready to fend East End Asians

Home Affairs
Correspondent

More than a hundred volunteers have approached the Standing Conference of Pakistani Organizations saying they are ready to serve in the defence of Asians in the East End of London, Mr Sibgat Kadri, president of the conference, said yesterday.

He told me that appeals for volunteers were to be made through newspapers and that more were expected to be available by the end of the week. When the conference, with other Asian organizations, will consider what action to take.

That would depend on what the Government decided to do. Mr Kadri said he was seeing Mr Merlyn Rees, the Home Secretary, today. The standing conference wants a government inquiry into events in east London. Meanwhile, Mr Kadri said, the police should form a specialist squad to investigate racialist attacks.

Mr Kadri suggested that the volunteers could be used by the police. The conference opposed any unlawful action and did not aprove of vigilante groups, but it recognized that if the Government did not act decisively people would feel a need for self-defence.

mpensation of 4 for missed wife

Our Correspondent
Nottingham

A wife who was dismissed when her husband had hit a company executive on the nose has been awarded £984 compensation by an industrial tribunal in Birmingham for unfair dismissal.

Mrs Pauline Wright, of Glyn Road, Quinton, West Midlands, said she was a demonstrator for Hoover Ltd in Curry's shop in Birmingham city centre. She went to Curry's staff dance with her husband, who worked for another company. She left the dance with Mr Gerard Boyle, Curry's area manager. Her husband threw a pint of beer over Mr Boyle and hit Mr Boyle on the nose.

The letter confirming her dismissal arrived by the same post as another one containing a reward for 10 years' service. Part of the reward is £20 because Mr and Mrs Wright had cancelled a celebration.

oin introduced

The Isle of Man's £1 coin was introduced throughout the island's banks yesterday. Queues of people who waited for the banks to open snapped up all up, an estimated £100 worth, in 15 minutes. Further supplies are expected

Civil servants to protest over jobs move

By Our Labour Staff

Civil Service unions plan a demonstration in Whitehall today against the proposed move of 5,000 computer jobs in the Ministry of Defence to Glasgow. It has been timed to coincide with a meeting of the Defence Council, which will be considering the plan.

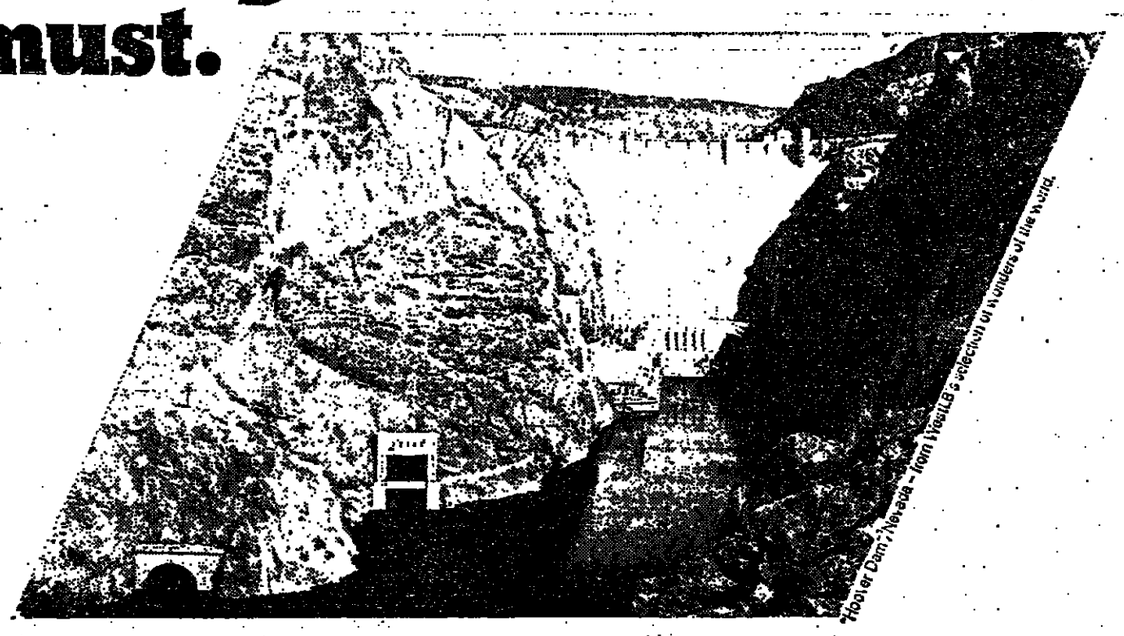
The computers concerned are responsible for paying the Armed forces, industrial and non-industrial ministry staff, and for dealing with a wide range of other matters.

The protest is being organized by the Civil and Public Services Association and the Society of Civil and Public Servants. About three hundred people are expected to join the demonstrztion.

A joint union letter to the Defence Council said the proposals seriously threatened the efficiency of the Ministry of Defence and the service given to civilian and military staff. There was a likelihood that members would be asked to take action if the plan went ahead, which would seriously dislocate operations at the computer centres.

The unions said that jobs affected would be at Gosport (900 posts), Winchester (560), Gloucester (1,135), Bath (500), Cheadle Hulme (250), Hullavington, Mottingham and Woolwich (400), Guildford (60) and Stanmore (120).

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PARLIAMENT, July 19, 1978

Labour MPs angry at Government's failure to introduce Freedom of Information Act

House of Commons

The White Paper published today set out with some precision the substance of the legislation with which, building on the work done by Lord Franks and his committee, the Government proposed to replace Section 2 of the Official Secrets Act, 1911, Mr Merlyn Rees, Home Secretary, said in a statement.

Mr Rees recalled that the Queen's Speech at the opening of the session stated that legislative proposals would be brought forward for the reform of Section 2 and that he had given a broad indication of the Government's thinking in the statement he made on November 22, 1976.

I said then (he continued) that we had concluded that Section 2 should be replaced by an Official Information Act on the broad lines recommended by the Franks Committee but that there should be certain departures from the committee's conclusions.

In particular, there should be no criminal sanctions for the disclosure of information in the economic sphere or for Cabinet and Cabinet committee *documents* irrespective of their content and security classification. We also proposed to create a separate protected category for *information* relating to security and intelligence.

And we proposed to cover more defence and international relations information than Franks had recommended, although we now conclude that the test for criminal sanctions in these fields should—as Franks recommended—be the test of causing serious injury rather than being merely prejudicial to the nation.

We also make clear in the White Paper that we intend to extend the protection which the Franks Committee envisaged for confidences of the citizen.

We propose not just to protect any such information given to the Government but to protect confidential *information* held by the Government about private individuals and concerns, from whatever source it has come.

I shall not attempt to deal with all the other detailed proposals in the White Paper but I would draw the attention of the House to an important safeguard we intend to introduce, additional to those in the Franks report and which relates to the classification of information.

This is that it will be for the Attorney General (or in Scotland, the Lord Advocate) to authorize the entering in evidence of a certificate by the departmental minister concerned that information which is the subject of a prosecution was properly classified at the time of its disclosure. This is set out in paragraph 24 of the White Paper.

Over the years, Section 2 had attracted much criticism because of its "catch-all" character. The legislation we propose will answer that criticism, and the White Paper itself will allow a discussion to take place before legislation, and not, as with Section 2, after legislation had been introduced.

With regard to open government in general, it is the view of the Government that reform of Section 2 is not only a much needed improvement of the criminal law but a necessary preliminary to greater openness.

Our prime concern so far has been to increase the flow of information to the public in the manner announced by the Prime Minister on November 24, 1976.

Much more information is now being released to the public, who are thus better informed than ever before. Indeed, the working assumption is now that once ministers have reached their conclusion on a particular major policy study, associated factual and analytical material will be published.

In addition, the Government have continued to keep generally abreast with the experience in open government overseas.

With regard to legislation to put the Government under a statutory duty to disclose information on demand, we have not yet examined in depth how overseas experience might be applied in our own constitutional system. This is a complex matter, and it will need to be studied carefully.

As the White Paper states: "We shall initiate a more detailed study than has so far been possible of overseas experience and its relevance to our own constitutional system, in order to see what further action, whether by means of legislation or by non-statutory amendments, may be desirable, and we shall announce our conclusions from this study in due course."

Sir Michael Havers, chief Opposition spokesman on law (Merton, Wimbledon, C)—We generally welcome the White Paper, in particular the second thoughts about the Freedom of Information Act. The principal difference between us and the Government lies in the manner of review of test cases. We still find it completely unacceptable that the minister responsible should be judge and jury in his own cause, even with the safeguard of the Attorney General's consent to the prosecution, which will place an additional and unnecessary burden upon him.

The Secretary of State should undertake to reconsider this and perhaps adopt our suggestion of three wise men, a method used by him when considering deportation in security cases. It is of the utmost importance that the public should be satisfied that the information to which any government seeks to apply criminal sanctions is properly and fairly classified for good reasons.

The public would not accept a certificate from a minister which would be conclusive evidence in a court of law. An impartial committee is essential to achieving this confidence in a new system and is a condition we would insist upon in any new legislation.

Mr Rees—His one point is on this question of classification which I have found one of the most difficult ones to resolve for the purposes of a White Paper. It is a matter of discussion.

The Franks Committee felt that any classification was essentially a government responsibility and that while the minister in most cases would not know what the classification was on the document, when the time came to put this in a certificate form to the court he would have to undertake the responsibility on this.

As for the addition of the Attorney General in it, this and many other matters needs to be discussed. When Section 2 came in 1911 there was no discussion on the matter. This is what we want to do. I would be prepared to listen to any points that are put.

Mrs Barbara Castle (Blackburn, Lab)—There will be widespread disappointment that after four years in office the Government are not proposing to introduce an Access to Information Act, as promised in the manifesto four years ago. If the Government are asking us to rely on their stated intention of publishing more background information to the decision, will he begin by placing in the library of the House the civil servants' assessment of the American and Swedish experiences which have clearly influenced the Government in evading a constructive decision in this area?

Mr Rees—There are two aspects to openness in government, other *than Section 2 which is a necessary* precursor. One is the provision of information by the Government, the analysis of the working document. The amount of information we have got on that so far is not sufficient to go further. There are other reasons in terms of legislative time. We need to find ways of analysing that. We had some look at this on Franks.

While there may be general agreement in principle as to the way to go forward it is no answer believing that the method used in the United States, with a presidential form of government and the way Congress is organized, is necessarily the way in practice that we should do it in this country.

When we have the analysis it would need to be published in some form to aid discussion if it is to be done in a legislative fashion.

Mr Enoch Powell (South Down, UU)—Secrecy of deliberation and internal communication is always the essence of all government. Therefore the attempt to impede it is uniformly self-defeating and only results in government erecting new barriers to defend its necessary privacy.

Mr Rees—I agree with one aspect of what he said. This again we talked about on Franks. There is always the danger that if one moves forward in that way, like a self-sealing tank in some way, means will try to be found of achieving the same thing afterwards although one has attempted to change it.

The analytical documents on which the judgment is made is something that quite properly should be brought to the general public. It is a different thing from the aspect he is talking about, where I have sympathy with him, that if people are to get harsh judgments in the interests of the community the judgment document is something we should look at carefully before we reveal that to the general public. But the analytical document is a different matter.

Mr Arthur Lewis (Newham, North-West, Lab)—The Labour Party conference, the TUC and all progressive organizations have come out unreservedly in favour of a Freedom of Information Act.

May I take it from his reply, when he says this has been going on since 1911 with Franks and all that, that he still wants further time—after four years of broken promises—for even further consideration?

If we get back at the next election will another promise be made and consideration given to it over another four years? Believe me, the people will not be fooled again.

Mr Rees—He talks about 1911. In my early days in the House and in the 1960s the debates were on the question of Section 2 and the "catch-all" nature of it.

All the reports of Justice leading up to the Franks Committee were on that basis and that is the document I have put to the House.

In terms of the next step the legislative right, the statutory right on demand, to look at the documents, that is a different discussion. We now need to discuss it.

He says four years. It is a most difficult subject and what was said in the Queen's Speech was legislative proposals for Section 2. That is what has been honoured.

Mr Emlyn Hooson (Montgomeryshire, L)—Does he not owe it to explain why the Government, having taken four years for the gestation, have delivered a mouse of a White Paper?

Is not the truth that the Government, and the Cabinet committee in particular, and their manifesto commitment have been overborne by the view expressed by Mr Powell, which is not borne out by the experience of other countries?

Could not the Government be more honest and say they have come to the conclusion that no more open government is possible because after four years they have been unable to produce any proposals for it?

Mr Rees—He is wrong. There are two, if not three, aspects of open government. I have no doubt that the reform of Section 2 has an overbearing influence on government which is important. A great deal has been done in the last year on the production of documents and on the next step forward, which would not be a mouse.

Nobody has suggested that the nine exceptions in the Public Information Act of the United States on defence and foreign policy secrets and internal personnel rules should not be matters expressly excepted by statute.

There is a core of information in the United States and Sweden which is almost the same as the exceptions in Section 2. That section necessarily comes first and discussion from that point can be that much more clear and sensible.

Mr Michael English (Nottingham, West, Lab)—Is he not concerned that by taking more than four years since the Franks Committee was set up a system of government cannot be much good if it takes that length of time to produce this ridiculous mouse?

When will he produce his proposals on Section 1? That is an important section related to matters prejudicial to the safety of the state but which recently has been used more widely than was ever intended.

Mr Rees—It would be better to make no comment at all on those last few words. With regard to Section 1, given the discussion of the past 14 to 15 years, there has been no question of reform of the spying clause.

He may think it necessary to do that, but I have no reason at all to believe that Section 1 is causing excitement to the public. The exceptions in the American Information Act reinforce me in that strong view.

Mr Patrick Mayhew (Royal Tunbridge Wells, C)—Do not paragraphs 46 and 47 of the White Paper demonstrate that it would be wasteful, unnecessary and impractical to honour the pledge in the Labour Party's October 1974 manifesto to introduce legislation to put the burden on the authorities to justify withholding information?

Mr Rees—That ought to be discussed to take into account what Mr Powell said and the other views in the House. No: I do not think it is impractical in principle, but we need to think it out carefully.

What I have attempted to do in those paragraphs and in the following one is to lay the base on which discussion can take place. There is complete agreement that it would be wrong for the security and safety of the state, and for law and order, to be revealed.

Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab)—He referred to the Justice report but he has also received a report not yet published—but I hope soon—by the Labour Party which makes clear that we are in favour of a Freedom of Information Act which has been drafted and worked out by machinery of Government committee of the National Executive Committee.

Will he give a pledge that in furthering this matter that will equally be taken into consideration because that is the view of the party to which he belongs?

Is he aware of the pledge to carry out a Freedom of Information Act as part of our manifesto and part of our basic philosophy? That is contrary to what some Conservative MPs say, that we want to bring in an eastern European communist state.

There are no Freedom of Information Acts in those societies and that differentiates us clearly from the sort of nonsense we have heard from the Opposition.

Mr Rees—It is easy to make comparison with eastern Europe. The Labour Party has had a proud history since its birth of being different from other forms of socialism that are not necessarily democratic.

This will be looked at in a wider discussion. We now need to carry it forward. It is important that we do that but to take decisions on it without deep investigation would be wrong.

Mr Charles Fletcher-Cooke (Darwen, C)—He says criminal sanctions are to be removed from Section 2, but would he look into the questions about whether the new and trendy action of breach of confidentiality—ostensibly a civil action, but producing much the same results as criminal action—should not also be removed, otherwise what the Government are taking by one hand they may be taking with the other as well?

This criminal sanction removal may not be enough to secure freedom from this new trendy action of breach of confidentiality.

Mr Rees—I will look at that. The White Paper is about reforming the catch-all character of Section 2.

Mr Christopher Price (Lewisham, West, Lab)—Contrary to the impression given by the Prime Minister last week, we are grateful that the Government say they are keeping an open mind on further legislation to move towards an Official Information Act.

Is he also keeping an open mind about this element of Section 1 of the Act which impinges on greater freedom of information. Journalists who are honestly going about their business according to professional ethics, should not be put in jeopardy.

Mr Rees—On the spy clause, while he has not mentioned any particular case it would be better that I said nothing about that. That is Section 1, the spy clause. I want to leave that alone.

If he looks at what the Prime Minister said last week, he was referring to Section 2, which is the main part of the White Paper.

Mr Kenneth Warren (Hastings, C)—Has his attention been drawn to the motion in my name and nearly 100 MPs calling for a Freedom of Information Act? His failure four years after his party's manifesto that they would bring in such an Act, is demonstrating that his party and Government have been beaten by the Whitehall machine in their dying days.

Mr Rees—We are not being beaten by the Whitehall machine. There are realities of life which have to be taken into account. The parliamentary timetable is one. I hope he is not going to offer the mandarins of Whitehall as a reason. If there is any fault, it is mine and mine alone and not civil servants.

Mr Alexander Lyon (York, Lab)—Concern about open government is concern about improving the qualities of decisions in government. The quality of government would be improved by improving the select committee procedure to *share in the decision-making* process before the decisions are made by the Government.

As for confidential information, it is right that what we are making progress on is a right of privacy. The newspapers are less clamorous about that issue.

Mr Rees—I have learnt in office that some people who write about the way decisions are taken some years afterwards write in the most curious subjective way which seems to have little bearing on what I remember of the way in which the decision was taken.

Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk (Ormskirk, Lab)—His reasons for failure to implement the manifesto ac ment are unconvincing and w convince anyone in this Ho outside.

As he says in the White that the Government are in of more open government a producing documents policy decisions, could he g the details of all the docume is going to produce that lay the production of this Paper?

Mr Rees—What we promised is to provide the analytical ments before a decision is The analytical document o tion 2, which is what the Paper is about, is the report, and the others—th matters of judgment. (L and cries of "Four years

If it is a question of infor for the next step forward, t different matter. I regard extremely important. Wh talks about people outside worried about this, I ca express the wish that at t tion, if he finds more than three people who are co about it in his constituenc (Labour protests and c "Shabby".)

Mr Jeffrey Rooker (Birmi Perry Barr, Lab)—That excuse.

Miss Josephine Richardson ing, Lab)—The commitmen Labour manifesto to reform Official Secrets Act was r tricted to Section 2. It talke revising the Act.

Wide sections of the p well as MPs think that S needs looking at. It is tossing it off as the spying and saying that he will no it. Will he at least look at

Mr Rees—I would rather w certain legal proceeding taken place.

Mr Rooker—May I ask if pression is given in parag of the White Paper that t head of the Home Civil issued instructions to dep to make official informati more generally available? was not so. The letter w published after it had bee to the press.

Does Mr Rees accept tha the functions of those wh to hold political leadershi alert democracy is to seek up a vision to our fellow ci the problems of running a society?

The answer shows that h fit to hold or to aspire leadership.

Mr Rees—Mr Rooker can that if he likes, but he sho listened carefully to what say. Ministers have respon and so have backbench

'Not proven' verdict a safeguard

The not proven verdict in Scotland was an important safeguard against the injustice of misidentification, Mr Ronald King Murray, the Lord Advocate (Edinburgh, Leith, Lab) said. He was in favour of retaining this form of verdict.

Mr James Dempsey (Coatbridge and Airdrie, Lab) had said it was time this system of lazy justice was ended in Scotland.

The not proven verdict in Scotland (he said) was introduced to give some degree of protection against the contingency of unfair trials arising out of the repressive statutes of Charles II, 1660 to 1685. This is no longer a threat to honest justice in Scotland.

It has been recently reported that 30 people charged with murder were on the grounds of insufficiency of evidence found not proven and have to live under a cloud of suspicion for the rest of their lives.

Mr King Murray—I hope he is not suggesting acquittal by a court is a sign of injustice. In the circumstances he described it would appear that justice had been done.

Why is the verdict of not proven so illogical and out of date? I would have thought it was eminently logical. If you think a man has done it but the requirements have not been met, it would seem wrong to give him a certificate of innocence.

The Bryden Committee recently drew attention to the fact that the not proven verdict is an important safeguard against the injustice of misidentification.

Mr Malcolm Rifkind (Edinburgh, Pentlands, C)—It is an essential safeguard because in Scotland, unlike in England and Wales, a person can be convicted of serious crimes on an eight to seven majority verdict unlike the larger majority required south of the border.

Mr King Murray—I agree without qualification.

Routine school medical checks to end

Mr Roland Moyle Minister of State for Health, said in a written reply—My department has prepared a draft document on preventive health services for children suggesting that health authorities should ensure that a basic programme of health surveillance is offered to all children.

It suggests that all children should have a comprehensive medical assessment about the time of school entry which will provide the basis for selective medical examination at school for those who need it.

After the medical assessment at school entry, and during the school period, it is suggested that health surveillance for all children should be based on serial screening of vision, hearing and growth and on annual health care interviews with the school nurse.

Vigilance by parents and teachers and regular meetings between the doctors, nurses, teachers and psychologists concerned should obviate the need for routine school medical examinations. It is hoped that a named doctor would be attached to the school and be available for the examination of selected children.

Consultations are taking place with interested bodies on this draft document and it is hoped that it will be issued in its final form later this year.

PR voting system for Wales rejected

The fact that the devolution proposals for Wales were for executive rather than legislative devolution did not constitute a reason for introducing a different method of election to the Welsh Assembly, Mr John Smith, Minister of State, Privy Council Office, said when Lords amendments to the Wales Bill were considered.

He moved rejecton of a Lords amendment which provided for elections to the assembly to be on an additional member system of proportional representation instead of the first-past-the-post system, which was in the Bill when it left the Commons.

He said the House had made a clear decision on this matter in relation to the Scotland Bill. He doubted if it would wish to come to a different conclusion regarding Wales. There would be a free vote on the Labour side.

Mr Francis Pym, chief Opposition spokesman on devolution (Cambridgeshire, C) said there was a lot to be said for electing the assembly on a different principle.

In Wales Labour was predominant and on the basis of recent election results the probability was that for the moment a Labour majority would be likely in the assembly. But he visualized that the assembly would take full account of the views of minorities. The minorities within Wales might feel more secure if PR was introduced.

However, PR enthusiasts were inclined to brush over the problems of the various methods. The *additional* member system, while neat on paper and fine in theory, was all right if one turned a blind eye to all the disadvantages.

He could not support it. He disliked the extended bias on the party label and the concept of having two classes of assemblymen, one who had constituents and one who did not.

The Conservatives would have a free vote. While he would be content to see some different system, there was not one yet invented which had a broad enough degree of support to make it practicable.

Mr Emlyn Hooson (Montgomeryshire, L), said PR would more accurately reflect the views of the Welsh and the Government would appear to be open to persuasion.

The only reason for rejecting the proposals (he said) is political self-interest and political chicanery. Logic is not involved.

Mr Thomas Ellis (Wrexham, Lab) said that by introducing PR into the Welsh Assembly it would extend in due course to the House of Commons, and with good effect. The people of this country knew that in many respects the Commons was anything but representing the modern problems facing society.

Mr Enoch Powell (South Down, UU) said it was an incomprehension of what the House was about that supposed that minority political opinion did not secure a voice in the House because the House was elected by simple majority.

Under the present system of simple majority election there was a government which was supported by a wide coalition, a coalition always trying to widen its bounds in order to maintain itself in office, and a Parliament which was more sensitive than any other parliament would be to the various and changing shades of opinion among the electorate it represented.

He hoped they would not commit themselves to the proposition that minorities depended for expression in the House or in any democratic assembly upon the system of proportional representation.

Mr Dafydd Wigley (Caernarvon, Pl Cymru) said that representatives in the assembly must reflect as closely as possible the balance of opinion within the community. Many strands of minority interests should be represented. There would be a growing tide of support for proportional representation.

Sir Raymond Gower (Barry, C) said increasingly he had become uneasy about the first-past-the-post system. A lot of other people were becoming uneasy about it. It was significant that perhaps a decade ago they would have been unable to get 50 votes in favour of a proportional system while in the past few months the votes of those who favoured such a system had steadily increased.

The system advocated in the Lords amendment might not be the most perfect but in some ways it had useful qualities which be used as the basis for an ment.

Mr Donald Anderson (S East, Lab) said that one major disadvantages of tional representation, of system, was that, as night day, it would lead to coali therefore, to lack of responsibility on the par individual elected member.

There had been over the months a degree of inab the whole system—inabili Government to govern, and for an election when there a decisive result. It was system of government would wish to be perpet the PR system.

Mr Peter Thomas (Barndon, South, C) said that first-past-the-post system majority in the assembly the Labour Party. His being a political animal, he should deal with that Lords practically all thos against the amendmen Labour peers. He would PR.

The Lords amendme rejected by 389 votes to 16 ernment majority, 227.

Although the Governmen that the House should dis Lords amendment to d members of the Ho Commons from becoming of the assembly was carried votes to 260—majority ag Government, 33.

A balanced view of the British scene

House of Lords

It was the Government's policy that the British scene was presented in North America and throughout the world for what it was, and all views and aspects of that scene were presented fairly and in a balanced way, Lord Goronwy-Roberts, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said.

Lord Goronwy-Roberts—At the whether extracts from newspapers reporting public opinion in Britain were no longer to be published under the aegis of the British Information Services in the United States.

Lord Goronwy-Roberts—At the end of last year the Foreign and Commonwealth Inspectors Office proposed that the distribution in the United States of the BBC summary of the British press should be reduced from a daily to a weekly or biweekly services. It is still being issued daily while this recommendation is being considered.

Lord Gridley—Whatever the arrangement in the United States, British influence can only be enhanced and preserved by the right to publish there, and possibly throughout the British Information Services, informed criticism, comment and even dissension on the activities of any British government.

Lord Goronwy-Roberts—I can at once assure him and the House that that is exactly the policy of this Government.

Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone—Whatever the mechanics adopted for this, and I would hope the daily service will be maintained, can he assure us that the BIS will never be allowed to be a vehicle for providing information solely from the Government of the day, whatever side they might be.

Lord Goronwy-Roberts—I can assure him firmly and fully on his second point. That is exactly our policy—that the British scene is presented in North America and throughout the world for what it is and all views and aspects of that scene are presented fairly and in a balanced way in peace as in war.

The reputation of the BBC and our Overseas Information Service is high precisely because of that. I hope they will continue to enjoy that reputation and do that.

I take full note of his view, which is shared by a great many, that this service should continue to be on a daily basis.

New peers

Lady Denington, formerly Dame Evelyn Denington, a former chairman of the Greater London Council, and Lord Hunter of Newington, formerly Sir Robert Hunter, Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Birmingham University, were introduced.

One vote majority restores clause to B

Mr John Morris, Secretary of State for Wales (Aberavon, Lab), moved that the House disagreed with a Lords amendment to leave out Clause 12 (Review of local government structure).

He said he was convinced that there was a significant demand in Wales for local government reform. The clause laid down that the Welsh Assembly should review the local government structure and report its conclusions to the Secretary of State.

There were fears that the assembly might abolish the county or district councils or expand its powers at the expense of local government, but how could it? It was a reviewing body. It was for the Government to consider its recommendations and carry out any further consultations, but the actual power of decision would be for Parliament. It would be for Parliament to legislate.

Mr Nicholas Edwards, chief Opposition spokesman on Wales (Pembroke, C), said the clause was introduced not because of any profound conviction that it was necessary, good, desirable or urgent but simply because it was seen as a cheap way to buy cheap votes. It was an attempt to buy popularity for an unpopular Bill by attacking something else believed to be unpopular.

Mr Roy Hughes (Newport, Lab) said it was vital the clause should be restored to the Bill. The first task of an elected Welsh A should be to draw up plans reorganization of local ment.

Mr Ioan Evans (Aberdar said the assembly was the organization to review lo ernment. It would be far be the Secretary of State to s select committee or a com

Mr Donald Anderson (S East, Lab) said that the cla unnecessary. If the a wanted to make proposals government it could do so event. It was part of the sw for the referendum camp should be rejected

The Lords amendmen rejected by 278 votes to 27 ernment majority, one.

Two Government defeats

The Government suffered two successive defeats on the third reading of the Transport Bill.

Lord Lucas of Chilworth (C) moved an amendment providing that before diverting a goods vehicle more than one mile for testing, a vehicle examiner or uniformed constable must first be satisfied there were good reasons to believe the vehicle was not in a fit and serviceable condition.

He said this was a measure of protection for the innocent operator which was fair.

Lady Birk Under Secretary for Environment, asked the House, in the interests of road safety, not to water down the power of the examiners.

The amendment was carried by 75 votes to 66—majority against the Government, nine.

A further amendment by Lord Lucas of Chilworth providing that the testing fees for diverted vehicles should not exceed those prescribed for annual testing and plating was carried by 64 votes to 58—majority against the Government, six.

The Bill was read the third time and passed.

The Independent Broadcasting Authority Bill and the Community Service by Offenders (Scotland) Bill were read the third time and passed. The Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Northern Ireland) Bill was read a second time.

More cases of malaria in United Kingd

There has been a 25 per c crease in malaria cases United Kingdom, Mr Harry Under Secretary of State fo land, said.

Mr Ewing (Stirling, Falki Grangemouth, Lab) told Mr Dempsey (Coatbridge and Lab) during Scottish qu that 41 cases of malaria we fied in Scotland during the f months of this year.

He added—There is no cant change from the level fications in 1976 and 1977.

Mr Dempsey—A statement media said cases were on crease not only in Scotland the United Kingdom. Is tre available?

Mr Ewing—In the United Ki as a whole there has been crease of something like cent. But notifications in Sc reflect no change between 19 1977. But in the previous two there was an 80 per cent incr

We are concerned about diseases and the Chief M Officer in Scotland has writ doctors in Scotland to draw tion to this matter.

In further exchanges he ad I am satisfied we have the fac in Scotland to meet what is a low level of demand.

Retrospective clause in Finance Bill defended

Backdating of the law offended every concept of justice, Lord Rawlinson of Ewell (C), an Opposition spokesman, said during a debate on the second reading of the Finance Bill.

Pointing out that the Bill dealt retrospectively with a tax avoidance scheme concerned with dealings in commodity futures, he said the Government were answering a very objectionable device with a very objectionable remedy.

The principle of retrospection concerned every person who played any part in any legislative process. It was repulsive that a sovereign Parliament should make conduct a crime which when perpetrated was no crime.

The Bill was setting a bad and dangerous precedent. They must maintain on the legislature the discipline of effective law-making. It was not acceptable to use retrospection on this scale to close loopholes which had been made because the legislative process had not made provision to deal with a particular scheme.

It was too dangerous a weapon to give to a too powerful Parliament dominated by the executive. An arbitrary, authoritarian method had been chosen.

Lady Seear (L) said that to the Liberals retrospection in civil or criminal matters was totally abhorrent. She did not defend the practice the Bill was intended to eliminate but any citizen should be confident that when he took an action he was on the right side of the law and that it could not then be made illegal. This was in the last resort the only defence the citizen had.

She could not believe the Solicitor General for Scotland, Lord McCluskey, who was to reply to the debate, was happy about this encroachment on the rule of law.

Lord Plant said the Government were right to make this tax avoidance retrospective. It was unfortunate that this last minute cry should have come for retrospection not to be applied so that the tax avoidance in that area could be continued.

Lord Wakefield of Kendal (C) said that something done that was perfectly legal and proper should not at a later stage suddenly be made illegal. It was a principle which should be upheld by any government.

Lord McCluskey, Solicitor General for Scotland, said Clause 31 of the Bill dealt with a highly artificial tax avoidance scheme involving commodity futures and was retrospective to April 6, 1976. The avoider entered the scheme in order to claim an accounting loss. He contributed nothing but the payment, which was a large fee to those who devised the scheme for the purpose of creating the loss.

We are not making such schemes unlawful (he said). What we are doing is to deny these people who claim relief upon a basis which they have artificially and quite improperly created.

The loss to the revenue was said to be substantial and could run into hundreds of millions of pounds.

The only way of stopping the repeated kind of attack that such schemes represented, not only against the Chancellor, but against taxpayers who paid their tax, was to show that further such schemes would fail in their intention to milk the Exchequer.

It was the exceptional case where retrospection was the only way to cover an improper type of tax avoidance.

The Bill was read a second time.

House adjourned, 7.48 pm.

Parliamentary notic

House of Commons

Today at 2.30: Wales Bill, con of consideration of Lords amend

House of Lords

Today at 3: Consideration of Com reasons for rejecting Lords amend to Scotland Bill.

LEGAL NOTICES

IN the MATTER of CAPITAL AND SOUTHERN WINES Limited and in the Matter of The Companies Act 1948

NOTICE is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily WOUND UP, are required, on or before the 31st day of August, 1978, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned, Keith David Goodman, F.C.A., of 3/4 Bentinck Street, London W1A 3BA, the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 11th day of July, 1978.

K. D. GOODMAN, F.C.A. Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of JAYANT HOLDINGS (R.J.S.) Limited. Nature of Business: Newsagent, Confectioner, Tobacconist and Grocer.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 12th June, 1978.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 2nd August, 1978, at Room G20 Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD, at 11.00 o'clock.

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N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of AUDIO GUIDE (U.K.) Limited (formerly CABKILN Limited). Nature of Business: Advertising contracters.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 3rd July, 1978.

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H. W. J. CHRISTMAS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of INVIGORATING PROPERTY TRADING CO. Limited. Nature of Business: Property dealers.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 26th June, 1978.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 3rd August, 1978, at Room 239 Templar House, 81 High Holborn, London WC1V 6LP, at 10.00 o'clock.

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L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948, In the Matter of VULLEON Limited (formerly JOEL VELLA Limited). Nature of Business: Ladies hairdressers.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 26th June, 1978.

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N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of ZANO SHIPBROKERS COMPANY Limited. Nature of Business: Shipping Agents.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 15th May 1978.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 4th August 1978, at Room 239 Templar House, 81 High Holborn, London WC1V 6LP at 10.00 o'clock.

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L. R. BATES Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of GREEVEDALE Limited. Nature of Business: Motor car dealers.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 12th June, 1978.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

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H. W. J. CHRISTMAS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

LEGAL NOTICES

In the Matter of SKY CHEF Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act 1948.

Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up are, required on or before the fifteenth day of August 1978 to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned K. R. Cork, F.C.A., of Guildhall House, 81/87 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7DS, the joint liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said joint liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved. Creditors who have been admitted in the liquidation and who have not yet received any of the three dividend payments made to date, should forward full particulars of their claim including their current address to K. R. Cork, F.C.A., at the above offices.

Dated this 12th day of July 1978.

K. R. CORK, Joint Liquidator.

No 001445 of 1974.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948. In the Matter of METCAST LIMITED.

Notice is hereby given prior to a distribution to a debenture holder that a FIRST AND FINAL Payment to Preferential Creditors is intended to be declared in the above-named Company and that Preferential Creditors who have not already proved their claims are to come in and prove such claims on or before the 4th August 1978 after which date the Official Receiver and Liquidator of the above-named Company will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Company having regard only to such Preferential Creditors as shall then have proved their claims.

N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Liquidator, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of SPORTS & GIFT CENTOR (DULWICH) Limited. Nature of Business: Retailers of sports goods, etc.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 26th June 1978.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 3rd August 1978, at Room 239, Templar House, 81 High Holborn London WC1V 6LP, at 11.00 o'clock.

CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock.

L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of DANNY QUASTEL (BOOKMAKERS) Limited. Nature of Business: Turf accountant.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 26th June, 1978.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 3rd August 1978, at Room 239, Templar House, 81 High Holborn, London WC1V 6LP at 2.00 o'clock.

CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 2.30 o'clock.

L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of FOR GOODNESS SAKE Limited. Nature of Business: Dealers in vegetarian and health foods.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 13th June 1978.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 2nd August, 1978 at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at 10.00 o'clock.

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N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of ENDYMION ESTATES Limited. Nature of Business: Dealers in land and buildings.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 3rd July, 1978.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 2nd August, 1978, at Room G20 Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD, at 3.00 o'clock.

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H. W. J. CHRISTMAS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

In the Matter of BAKCOL HEATING COMPANY Limited.

By Order of the High Court of Justice dated 30th December, 1977, Mr. Maurice, Raymond, DORRINGTON, of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN, has been appointed Liquidator of the above-named Company with a COMMITTEE OF INSPECTION.

LEGAL NOTICES

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948. In the Matter of RESULTS CLEANING SERVICES LIMITED. Nature of Business: Office Cleaners.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 26th June 1978.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 2nd August 1978, at Room G20 Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1N 2HD at 11.00 o'clock.

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N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948. In the Matter of OVERMARK SMITH WARDEN Limited. Nature of Business: Advertising Contractor.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 26th June 1978.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 3rd August 1978, at Room G20 Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1N 2HD at 10.00 o'clock.

CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock.

H. W. J. CHRISTMAS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

No. 001352 of 1972.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of LEE GREEN CONTRACT FURNISHINGS Limited.

Notice is hereby given that a FIRST AND FINAL Payment to Preferential Creditors is intended to be declared in the above-named Company and that Preferential Creditors who have not already proved their claims are to come in and prove such claims on or before the 4th August 1978 after which date the Official Receiver and Liquidator of the above-named Company will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Company having regard only to such Preferential Creditors as shall then have proved their claims.

N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Liquidator, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2RD.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of SUBSUME Limited. Nature of Business:- Builders and civil engineers.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 15th May 1978.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 2nd August 1978, at Room 239, Templar House, 81 High Holborn, London WC1V 6LP, at 10.00 o'clock.

CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock.

L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of H. SILVERSTONE & SONS Limited. Nature of Business: Grocers Provision Merchants, etc.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 26th June 1978.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 2nd August 1978, at Room G20 Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD, at 10.00 o'clock.

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Agricultural Research Council

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to work in the Protein Section. The project is to investigate the turnover and remodelling of the connective tissues in relation to growth and development. This will consist of radioactive incorporation studies together with autoradiography, the chemical analysis of connective tissue components and an examination of the cellular mechanisms for resorption of tissue. The project is expected to form the basis for a Ph.D. thesis in the University of Bristol and the appointment will commence in October, 1978.

Candidates should possess a First or Upper Second Class degree in Biochemistry

Further particulars of the award and allowances together with application forms may be obtained from the Secretary, Agricultural Research Council, Meat Research Institute, Langford, Bristol BS18 7DY.

Closing date for applications August 3rd, 1978.

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WEST EUROPE

Parliamentary boycott threat by Basques imperils Spain's unity

om Harry Debelius
drid, July 19
The risk of eventual Basque ession from Spain was highhted here today in the conuing debate on the constituon as deputies of the Basque tionalist Party (PNV) ntened to walk out of rliament.
demanding the total restora- of traditional rights and vileges for the Basque intry, PNV deputies refused accept any compromise en the Centre Democratic ion (UCD), the Government ty, tried to extract from m the promise that they sup- t an affirmative vote in the stitutional referendum.
ince the generally conserva- but highly nationalistic V controls about half the l vote in the Basque pro- ces, the party's support for constitution is seen as an ential guarantee of Basque egration into Spain.
he ruling part of Señor lfo Suárez considers the que demands as amounting a licence for self-determina- , and it looks upon the que formula for devolution an encroachment on Spanish reignty.
he PNV, on the other hand, intains that the Government gone back on its promises complete Basque regional nomy within the Spanish te.
he impasse, which appeared vitable days ago, was ched after an unusual four- r meeting on Monday be- en Señor Suárez and top tary leaders.
What was discussed at that eting is a state secret. But it was highly unusual for a regular meeting of the joint chiefs-of-staff to be presided over by the Prime Minister, and informed sources noted that four hours was a long time for a meeting officially described as a "routine" one.

It is known that there is considerable concern among high-ranking military officers about the unity of Spain, and that many rightists see the Basque question as a threat to national unity.

The danger of a Basque parliamentary boycott became apparent as a verbal battle on the home-rule question raged fo rits second day in the Congress of deputies in the Cortes. It was accompanied by fresh bomb attacks in the Basque country.

The Congress of deputies rejected an attempt by the Basque Nationalist Party to have the future constitution condone the formation of federations between regional governments.

Meetings to head off the walkout continued between representatives of the PNV and other parties in the Cortes lobby and over lunch.

An article today in the Madrid monarchist newspaper ABC rankled Basque nationalists. Signed by the UCD Senator Jaime Ignacio del Burgo it defended the thesis that Navarra does not form part of the Basque country and should be accorded a separate home rule.

In Pamplona, the capital of Navarra an dthe city where the wave of rioting which recently swept the Basque region began on July 8, a bomb damaged the meeting place of a politically motivated bullfight fan club

ttack on nvoy after amp blast

russels, July 19.—Mr Henri onet, the Belgian Foreign ister, publicly criticized the ntry's representatives in in today over their hand- of last week's tanker aster at a Spanish holiday ip.

e told the newspaper *Le* that he had recalled the gian Consul-General in Bar- na to explain lapses in the ular authorities' response he tragedy.

r Simonet wanted to know no centre had been set up the 60 Belgian tourists t or killed after the gas ker exploded at the San s de la Rápita camp, kill- at least 150 people.

e also deplored the failure the Belgian Ambassador to to the disaster scene and fact that no Belgian diplo- t went to the funeral ser- e in Tortosa on Thursday.

r Simonet would ask the vernment to set up a d by force that could fly ergency aid to Belgians ght in a disaster abroad.

Belgian Air Force C130 sport aircraft left today to ng back the bodies of 17 gians so far identified, a eign Ministry spokesman d. Efforts to identify the er Belgian victims of the ster were continuing.—ter.

M Giscard opens visit to Portugal

From Our Correspondent
Lisbon, July 19

President Giscard d'Estaing of France arrived today on an official three-day visit to Portugal. He will confer with President Eanes, Dr Soares, the Prime Minister, and other officials, and will be received by Parliament M Giscard d'Estaing is accompanied by his wife and four ministers: M Louis de Guiraugaud, the Foreign Minister, Mme Alice Saunier-Seite, Minister for Universities, M Andre Giraud, Minister of Industry, and M Jean Francois Deniau, Foreign Trade Minister.

It is expected that the official talks will concern three essential topics: The position of Portuguese immigrant workers in France, Portugal's application to join the EEC, and the West's relations with Africa.

Before his visit President Giscard d'Estaing stated that France was "happy with its Portuguese workers, who are hardworking, acceptable and a certain asset". He also said France favoured Portugal' joining the EEC.

The third topic—Africa—is held to be a capital one here, as Portugal is now internationally regarded as having an important potential role in the relations of the West with African countries.

ase argued for second ok at federalism

Roger Berthoud

n attempt to rehabilitate concept of federalism in its opean context was initiated terday by the Federal Trust, independent research insti- e founded in 1945, with the lication of a book edited by es of the trust's leading f members, and containing icles by 17 contributors.

ederalism has become a ch misused word, the tors say, being widely ated in Britain with the se of centralized decision- king. Instead, Sir Bernard rrows of the Federal Trust ued at a press conference terday, it meant in essence finding of the right level decision-making.

nstead of shying away from word, we should try to k out a system in which the els of decision-making could be allocated in a more rational way.

Mrs Helen Wallace, lecturer in European studies at Manchester University, said he believed there were no tidy blueprints for a federal Europe that would be any use to us. Different areas of policy required different decision-making centres; there was a limit to the number of tasks the European Community could appropriately carry out.

Mr Tom Ellis, Labour MP for Wrexham, a member of the European Parliament, who is also a contributor, said Britain probably had the worst parliamentary system in West Europe, apart from Spain and Portugal. It was time to readjust after 300 years of continuum.

Federal Solution to European Issues (edited by Bernard Burrows, Geoffrey Denton and Geoffrey Edwards, Macmillan, £8.95 hardback, £3.95 paperback).

ermany cleared f violating errorists' rights

Bonn, July 19.—The Euroin Commission for Human ghts has rejected a comint charging West German ficials with violating the hts of three imprisoned ader-Meinhof terrorists, the tice Ministry said today.

Herr Sepp Binder, the nistry spokesman, said the mmission ruled that the traordinary security easures used against Andreas ader, Gudrun Ensslin, and Carl Raspe "in no way aracterized inhuman or grading treatment" consider- g the dangerous nature of e inmates and the terrorist reat to West German society.

Herr Hans-Jochen Vogel, inister of Justice, said the ling by the commission, hich meetsin Strasbourg, was n important contribution to e restoration of Germany's tage abroad".

The three terrorists, who ere serving life sentences for urder, were held n solitary nfinement and denied con- ct with their lawyers. They ere stated to have committed icide last October.—AP.

Ferry men end blockade of Dieppe harbour

Dieppe, July 19.—Seamen on cross-Channel ferry services voted today to end their blockade of Dieppe harbour and allow traffic to resume.

Yesterday they stretched a cable across the harbour mouth in protest at the opening of anew ferry line to Shoreham, Sussex, by a private firm.

The long-established Newhaven-Dieppe route is operated by Sealink, owned jointly by the French and British state-owned railways.

The seamen, mainly members of the Ocmmunist-lead CGT union, abandoned their protest at a mass meeting today. Spokesmen said they felt their action had been successful in drawing public attention to the increasing use of privately-owned ships on the channel routes.—Reuter.

King sees Mr Fukuda

Brussels, July 19.—Mr Takeo Fukuda, Prime Minister of Japan, was received by King Baudouin and later held talks with Mr Leo Tindemans, his Belgian coun

OVERSEAS

Failure to end war blamed on whites

From Frederick Cleary
Salisbury, July 19

The United African National Council today claimed that white intransigence over racial discrimination was partly responsible for the failure by the transitional Government to effect a ceasefire in the civil war.

Mr David Mukome, the UANC publicity spokesman, also accused Mr Ian Smith, the Prime Minister, of deliberately misinterpreting the Salisbury internal agreement by putting the blame for the continued fighting on the three black members of the Executive Council, Bishop Abel Muzorewa, the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole and Chief Jeremiah Chirau. Mr Smith was a full member of the Executive Council and nowhere did the agreement say that responsibility for bringing about a ceasfire lay only with the black members.

Mr Mukome also disputed Mr Smith's claim at a press conference this week that it was the whites who had made most of the concessions so far since the accord was signed on March 3.

It was the whites ho still occupied all the top jobs in both the private and public sector, he said. Not a single political prisoner had been released and censorship of press statements from the UANC continued as before.

It was the UANC and the Zimbabwe African National Union that had made the sacrifice, "including human sacrifices", to bring about a ceasefire.

A test of the transitional Government's popularity and particularly that of Mr Smith with whites might come on Friday in the Highlands North by-election in Salisbury. The Rhodesian Front candidate is Mr Reginald Beaver, managing director of some trade magazines. The others are: Mr Noel Hunt, Rhodesian Conservative Alliance, Mr Claud Duval, Rhodesian Action Party, both right wing, and Mr Allan Savory, leader of the Liberal National Unifying Force.

Observers believe that Mr Smith's poor performance at the televised press conference might well cost him votes or at least cause some supporters of the Rhodesian Front to abstain.

Blacks beaten: A group of young whites armed with pick-axe handles, cricket bats, iron poles and a whip, attacked black students at the University of Rhodesia on Monday night. Reuter quoted students as saying in Salisbury.

Eight people were reported assaulted. Five received medical treatment.

Police said that five whites were involved, but students put the number at up to 15. A police spokesman said no arrests had yet been made.



Commercial travellers protesting in Washington yesterday at President Carter's proposals to tax big "gas guzzler" cars and stop tax deductions on business lunches.

Extremists blamed for theatre gas attack

From Nicholas Ashford
Johannesburg, July 19

A campaign to stem what white extremists call the "creeping tide of multi-racialism" in South Africa appears to be under way after a rear gas attack on the first mixed audience to attend a theatre performance in Pretoria.

Mr Jack Noble, a senior official of the recently-formed National Front of South Africa, which has links with the British National Front, denied today that it was "directly responsible", but said the action could have been carried out by "individuals" representing right-wing organizations.

The incident took place at the première of a play called *Monkey Walk* at the Piet van der Walt theatre. The 350 black and white theatregoers were forced to leave for about 90 minutes to allow the gas to disperse.

Blacks, who had experienced police tear gas during the 1976 township unrest, showed whites in the audience how to lessen the effects of the gas with wet handkerchiefs.

Last night's incident follows a clash in Pretoria last week-end between right-wingers and a group collecting signatures for a petition calling for the capital's main theatre, the Breytenbach, to become multi-racial.

Although the Government has allowed 26 theatres around the country to entertain mixed audiences, the Pretoria City Council has made it clear that it will resist attempts to make the Breytenbach "open".

Mr Noble, a barman in a Johannesburg hotel which is a favourite watering spot for white mercenaries, said the membership of the National Front had increased dramatically since it was formed last March after a call by Mr John Tyndall of the British National Front for the creation of sister organizations in white-ruled countries.

Leg-irons wanted: The South African police need an extra 200 pair of leg-irons, tenders have been invited according to specifications laid won by the Director of State Purchases.

Leg-irons are used as a matter of routine on South African prisoners and detainees—a point which emerged during the inquest into the death of Steve Biko, the Black Consciousness leader.

Cairo waits to hear Sadat plans for reshaping institutions of government

From Christopher Walker
Cairo, July 19

President Sadat is reliably understood to be on the brink of launching an important series of political changes in Egypt which will affect both the institutions of government and some of the key personalities in his Cabinet.

He has let it be known that the moves will be announced on Saturday when he makes a speech in Cairo to coincide with celebrations to mark the 26th anniversary of the revolution which overthrew the monarchy of King Farouk.

At a press conference in May, Mr Sadat disclosed that he would have a "surprise" to reveal during the anniversary celebrations. Egyptian commentators closest to him have since maintained that it will be primarily of domestic significance, but Mr Sadat has left himself an opportunity for announcing any alterations in his peace initiative which he feels warranted as a result of the tripartite talks in England.

Considerable significance is being attached to the forthcoming speech in both Arab and Western diplomatic circles. It is widely assumed that the President will attempt to undo some of the damage caused to his image by the recent controversial referendum and ensuing crackdown on his internal critics.

Since the new laws "for the protection of the home front" were passed, a number of well-known journalists, including Mr Muhammad Heikal, the former editor of *Al Ahram*, have been subjected to detailed investigation by the Socialist Prosecutor General.

The latest journalist to be affected is Mr Muhammad Oda, a prominent leftist. He was recently stopped at Cairo airport a few minutes before boarding a flight to London. After having completed all the departure formalities, he was informed that the Socialist Prosecutor had issued a decree preventing him from leaving the country.

In the weeks since the referendum, the country has been involved in an exercise described as "the national dialogue on democratic socialism", aimed at assessing grass roots opinion about the future structure of government.

A report on the results of "the dialogue" has already been drawn up by the ruling Arab Socialist Party, which apart from the small right-wing Liberal Socialist group, is the only legal party still in operation. It apparently demonstrates conclusively that the mass of those whose opinion was canvassed was in favour of retaining some form of multi-party system.

These findings are widely expected to be reflected in the President's speech, with some observers predicting that he will lift the present legal restrictions which require any new party to be backed by a *minimum of 20 deputies from* the 360-seat People's Assembly.

It is only two years ago that Egypt took the first tentative steps towards liberalization. One experienced diplomat commented: "Having had a taste of democracy, the Egyptians have shown they are anxious not to lose it and the President is well aware that the referendum earnt him considerable criticism abroad."

Israel may hand over Sinai town to Egypt

From Michael Knipe
Jerusalem, July 19

The Israeli Government is giving serious consideration to the idea of restoring Egyptian civilian administration at El Arish in Israeli occupied Sinai, as a gesture of goodwill towards Egypt.

The Cabinet is expected to discuss the matter next Sunday. The Sinai town is also being considered as a possible site for the next round of Egypt-Israel peace talks. Mr Moshe Dayan, the Foreign Minister, has said that this would be acceptable to Israel.

The suggestion of restoring the Egyptian administration was made by President Anwar Sadat to Mr Ezer Weizman, the Israeli Minister of Defence, when the two men met last week in Austria. Mr Sadat argued that such a gesture would be an effective indication of the sincerity of Israel's intentions. It could be regarded as a suitable response to his initial gesture of visiting Jerusalem and addressing the Israeli Knesset. And as such it would assist him in combating Arab elements opposed to his peace efforts and pave the way for serious peace negotiations.

Mr Weizman conveyed the idea to the Israeli Cabinet last Sunday and was annoyed when the Cabinet decided to postpone discussion of it until after this week's meetings between the Israeli and Egyptian Foreign Ministers in England.

President Sadat is understood to have offered to undertake that no Egyptian military forces would enter the El Arish enclave and that rule there would be undertaken by Egyptian civilian authorities.

El Arish is a faded date-palm oasis close to the northern Sinai coast. It has a population of about 30,000 with a sizable community of nomadic Bedouin in the vicinity. The main occupation is fishing.

Under Egyptian rule El Arish was a service base for surrounding army camps. It was captured by Israeli forces in the 1956 Sinai campaign and was surrendered to the United Nations 75 days later. At the time Mr Menachem Begin, Israel's present Prime Minister, who was then leader of the opposition, bitterly opposed giving up control of El Arish. He predicted that Egypt would again use it as a base for attacks on Israel and said the Israeli Prime Minister should resign the day the first Egyptian soldier reentered the town.

The town was captured again during the 1967 war and has remained under occupation since then. Electricity and some water is supplied from Israel and there are several Israeli-owned small-scale furniture and weaving factories in the town and a number of Jewish settlements near by.

In 1902, while under British administration El Arish was considered as a possible site for an *autonomous Jewish settlement*; but Lord Cromer, then the British Governor of Egypt, rejected the proposal because of the strain it would place on the water supplies from the Nile.

The idea of returning El Arish to Egyptian rule will be vigorously opposed by the hard-line elements in the Cabinet but it appears to stand a possible chance of gaining approval.

Sanctions-lifting move in US Congress opposed

From David Cross
Washington, July 19

The American Administration today tried to head off congressional moves to lift economic sanctions against Rhodesia by saying that this would "seriously undermine" attempts to find a negotiated and peaceful settlement for the country.

A State Department spokesman said that the Administration hoped that Congress would act 'with restraint" given the highly delicate nature of the situation in Rhodesia.

He was answering questions from reporters about a statement by Mr Ian Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, that he was willing to consult his moderate black coleagues about the possibility of attending a conference of al lthose interested in seeking a solution to the Rhodesian problem.

The spokesman said that such remarks underlined the difficulty of creating conditions of peace without an agreement that would be acecptable to all parties involved. It also highlighted the efforts still being made by the American and British governments to bring such a meeting about.

The State Department's references to Congress concern a new move by Senator Jesse Helms, a Republican from North Carolina, and some of his colleagues, to secure a lifting of sanctions against Rhodesia until the end of this year. The Senator's group claim that they have the support of a majority of their colleagues for such legislation, although this is disputed by their opponents.

Such a move would have to be approved by the House of Representatives which is by no means certain. In the past *suggestions to lift sanctions have* never secured much support. But the fact that the State Department felt the need to raise the issue publicly suggests that the Administration is more apprehensive of such a possibility than it has been hitherto.

Churches to decide on grant

From Our Correspondent
Geneva, July 19

The World Council of Churches said today that a decision on the use of $85,000 (£47,000) earmarked for aiding *Rhodesian nationalist movements* but at present frozen, may be taken by the executive of its central committee, which meets in Helsinki in September.

An official said that it was the committee, at its meeting here a year ago, that had decided o put the money aside and not distribute it until the situation in Rhodesia had clarified. The full committee is du eto meet again in February.

The funds are part of the $530,000 disbursed in the council's programme to combat *racism—about half of this being* for nationalist movements in Africa.

The official was commenting on a report from Welington, New Zealand, quoting the Rev Dwain Epps, executive secretary of the Churches' Commission for International Affairs, as saying that the $85,000 was frozen because of the unclear situation in Rhodesia.

African summit told 'foreign troops must go'

Khartum, July 19.—President Ahmed Sékou Touré of Guinea called today for the removal of all foreign troops and bases from Africa and proposed a continent-wide friendship pact to end the use of force in resolving problems.

He told the 29 heads of state at the Organization of African Unity conference that concrete conditions for the withdrawal of foreign armed forces had to be created.

"As to the presence of Cuban soldiers in African regions, many disapprove of it while they do not intend to provide the necessary experts to take over from them," he said.

"The actual problem is to know whether we are sincerely determined to carry out the defence of our states ourselves."

President Anwar Sadat of Egypt also condemned foreign military intervention in Africa.

President Omar Bongo of Gabon told reporters that if calls were made fo rthe removal of non-African troops from sovereign African states which had invited them in, he would denounce "certain countries where the presence of Cubans and Russians is incommensurate with the presence of such forces in our states".

Many conference speeches *have sounded optimistic about* the situation in southern Africa—in particular Namibia. Delegates said Dr Kurt Waldheim, United Nations Secretary General, was lobbying actively at the summit for peace-keeping troops and police in anticipation of a Security Council resolution on ending South African rule in Namibia.—Reuter.

Scientist says British police beat him up

Moscow, July 19.—A Soviet scientist who broke off a study visit to Britain was quoted here today as saying that British police had rigged charges against him when he refused to collaborate with them.

Tass said that Mr Arvivas Yurksha, a 35-year-old Lithuanian also accused British police of using violence after he was arrested on a train between Derby and Birmingham. Mr Yurksha, who made the charges in a letter to the Lithuanian newspaper *Tesa*, said that one policeman had knocked him off his feet on to a concrete floor.

The news agency said that British special services had taken an interest in Mr Yurksha, and hinted that they were responsible for fabricating the charges against him.

Mr Yurksha, a construction specialist from Vilnius University, was quoted as saying the police had implied all would be well if he collaborated with them, but "I refused point blank".

Tass added that after an article insulting Mr Yurksha had appeared in *The Daily Telegraph*, he broke off his 10-month study tour in Birmingham and returned home.—Reuter.

Nine denounce human rights trials in Russia

From Our Own Correspondent
Bonn, July 19

The European Community has sharply criticized the trials of human rights campaigners in the Soviet Union as irreconcilable with détente.

In a joint declaration published here the Nine expressed concern about increasing repression by the Soviet Union and other East European countries of citizens who make use of their right to free conscience and free expression.

The recent sentences passed on dissidents, it said, were contrary to the final act of the Helsinki conference signed by the Soviet Union.

Letter to Mr Callaghan from Charter group

An open letter from three former Czech political prisoners was delivered to Mr Callaghan yesterday by the Palach Press Agency. The signatories, Mr Rudolf Battek, Dr Jaroslav Meznik and Mr Jiri Muller, are all leading figures of "the independent socialists", group within the Charter 77 human rights movement.

They write to Mr Callaghan "as a representative of the land of classical democracy", and assert that as the tenth anniversary of the soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia approaches "there is growing tension in our country". They highlight the detention of Jiri Grusa, 40, a writer, and Mr Pavel Roubal, 30, a technician.

They explain that Mr Grusa is charged with writing the novel *The Questionnaire* and agreeing to its distribution. Mr Roubal is being prosecuted for "making it possible for *The Questionnaire* and two other novels to be bound in his flat".

Italian unionists cancel their Soviet meetings

From Our Correspondent
Rome, July 19

The Italian trade union movement has cancelled its programme of meetings with Soviet trade unions for the rest of this year in protest against repression in the Soviet Union.

This was decided by the joint secretariat linking the three big confederations, the Communist-led CGIL, the Catholic CISL, and the non-confessional UIL. The programme included a seminar in Moscow in September on international problems, and a high-level meeting in the late autumn.

In recent years CGIL has loosened its ties with trade unionism in East Europe. Earlier this year it withdrew from the Prague-based World Federation of Trade Unions.

Pravda chides western 'backsliders'

From Our Own Correspondent
Moscow, July 19

The Soviet Union today accused West European communists and other left-wing groups who criticized the Shcharansky trial of playing into the hands of an organized anti-Soviet campaign.

An article in *Pravda* said the West had raised an anti-Soviet ballyhoo over the trial. Imperialist propaganda spared no effort to mislead public opinion about the case.

"Unfortunately, the anti-Soviet campaign launched by reactionary quarters in Western countries has swept along representatives of some democratic organizations. (In Soviet terminology "democratic" means communist or left-wing.)

"It is regrettable that in the atmosphere of the fierce class struggle in capitalist countries there are people among the progressive forces who are backsliding from the positions of their class and, instead of giving a resolute rebuff to anti-Sovietism and anti-communism, are practically playing into the hands of the organizers of the anti-Soviet campaign.

The *Pravda* commentary accused the West of raising a propaganda campaign every time "imperialist agents are caught red-handed".

The writer, Mr V. Bolshakov, who said he attended the trials of Anatoly Shcharansky and Anatoly Filatov, the office worker sentenced to be shot for spying, explicitly linked the two cases. He said the West kept quiet about Mr Filatov because it did not want to be disgraced. And Mr Filatov did not publicize his activities or appeal to the West.

But the Shcharansky case was different. He too worked hard for a foreign intelligence service while pretending to be a human rights champion, and constantly appealed to his Western bosses and patrons.

Pravda said that even after his guilt had been "convincingly proved" some people abroad holding high office continued to say, without any proof, that the espionage charge was a lie. This is a clear reference to President Carter, who personally denied that Mr Shcharansky had ever worked for the Central Intelligence Agency.

"Any unbiased person who studies the case of the renegade will see that the people's court tried not an 'ideological fighter' whose role the defendant played with the help of the Western anti-Sovieteers, but a common criminal who spied for a military intelligence agency of a Western country."

NOTICE TO READERS

The motoring editorial and classified Car Buyers' Guide appears every Friday – Don't miss it for a wide selection of new and used cars.

OVERSEAS

Japan's Communists turn politics into a flourishing business

From Peter Hazelhurst
Tokyo, July 19

Once again the Communist Party of Japan has proved that politics can be an extremely profitable business.

Flourishing quietly in the Asian stronghold of capitalism, it has emerged as the nation's most lucrative political organization, with an income exceeding the profits of many of the biggest industrial companies.

Its income comes from donations, the sales of its official newspaper *Akahata* (Red Flag) and the profits from a chain of hospitals and kindergartens. Last year the Communist Party's earnings rose by 9 per cent to an astonishing £46m. This exceeded the profits of Japan's third largest industrial and trading conglomerate, the Marubeni Corporation.

Details of the earnings of political organizations were released by the Government today. They showed the Communist Party as the nation's richest party for the third consecutive year.

In all, the earnings of Japan's seven main political parties and other minor affiliated organizations rose by 5 per cent to £194m last year.

Many politicians claim that the official figure, based on declarations by the parties, is only the tip of the iceberg. They point out that with a candidate's expenses during a general election amounting sometimes to £150,000, large sums of money are received below the counter to circumvent restrictions on political donations

According to the official statistics, the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, the champion of big business, collected the second largest sum in political funds last year: a mere £26m.

By law a company cannot donate more than £260,000 to a political party. But many politicians admit, in private, that unofficial contributions often exceed the figures presented to government inspectors.

The latest statistics show that the funds of the Liberal Democrats are slowly receding because businessmen are hedging their bets in light of the party's setbacks in recent elections.

Many firms and leaders of business are now diverting part of their contributions towards the Opposition, mainly the moderate Democratic Socialist Party. Some firms have also contributed to the coffers of the Communist Party.

The official income of the second largest political force, the Japan Socialist Party, rose by 5 per cent to £10m last year.

All in all, politics remains a profitable business, even within the somewhat impecunious Japan Socialist Party. For instance, the left-wing administration in Yokohama city offered Mr Ichio Asukata £380,000 in severance pay when he resigned as mayor this year to take over the chairmanship of the party.

Holding true to his socialist ideals, Mr Asukata rejected the sum but he accepted £40,000 as a retirement allowance.

Like the Communist Party, the Socialists require members to donate 1 per cent of their income to the party.

The Komeito (Clean Government Party), with its following of 11 million neo-Buddhists, saw its coffers swell to an official level of £18m last year.

But the envy of the captains of industry, still fighting off the effects of a protracted recession, is that arch opponent of capitalism, the Communist Party, with its huge income and growing assets.

Korchnoi could be planning series of draws

Anatoly Karpov, the world chess champion and Viktor Korchnoi, the challenger, puzzled tonight over how to wrest the initiative after yesterday's dreary draw in their first game for the world title.

Korchnoi, after a morning jog through the pine forests, settled down for a heavy evening's chess analysis with his seconds. Across town Karpov was doing the same after waking late and having breakfast at noon.

Chess experts originally shrugged off the 18-move draw as not worth deep study but today they noted that it was the usually attacking Korchnoi who had made the move that brought about the draw.

Mikhail Tal, a former world champion, said: "We think Korchnoi is going to try to force a long series of draws in the hope that Karpov will make a mistake".—Reuter.

Airline chairman were negligent, commission finds

Colombo, July 19. — Air Ceylon, Sri Lanka's national airline, whose international services have been suspended and which owes more than £3m, suffered maladministration unparalleled by any other airline in the world, a presidential commission said in its interim report published here.

The three-man commission, set up to investigate the airline's affairs in the years 1970 to 1977, accused three of its former chairmen of negligence.

It said it did not exclude the possibility that each had stood to gain financially by various transactions and suggested the Criminal Investigation Department should look into Air Ceylon's affairs.

Unscrupulous executives and foreign adventurers appeared to have exploited every situation to further or better themselves, the commission added.—Reuter.

Bonn anger over Cyprus conspiracy allegations

From Our Correspondent
Nicosia, July 19

President Kyprianou of Cyprus reiterated in a national broadcast today that a foreign-inspired conspiracy had been crushed, but failed to fulfil a promise to give full details.

"For reasons of internal security and public interest, for reasons of wider national interest, and while investigations continue, I do ot consider it right to expand further", he declared. The law would follow its course, he added.

The Kyprianou administration has come under strong criticism from the local press and wide sections of the public for failing to substantiate its allegations about the conspiracy and the personalities said to be involved.

Earlier the Council of Ministers also failed to fulfil a Government promise that it would decide today whether Mr Tasos Papadopoulos, an MP and one of the late President Makarios' closest associates, would be prosecuted. An official announcement said the decision was within the jurisdiction of the Attorney General.

Mr Papadopoulos was dismissed as the Greek-Cypriot negotiator with the Turkish-Cypriots last Friday, amid Government hints that he was involved i nthe conspiracy.

Mr Papadopoulos, challenged the Government to take him to court, and waived his parliamentary immunity.

The Government has announced the arrest of three people since Monday and suspended four more government employees pending investigations.

Two foreigners, Herr Paul Kurbjuhn, o former counsellor at the West German Embassy in Nicosia and Mr Eli Fouchs, the Israeli coach of a Nicosia football team, have been ordered to leave the island.

Patricia Clough writes from Bonn: The Cyprus Government today rejected an attempt by the West German Chargé d'Affairs in Nicosia to quash allegations of a right-wing plot on the island involving Herr Franz-Josef Strauss, the Bavarian-based leader of the Christian Social Union (CSU), and Herr Kurbjuhn.

Herr Kurbjuhn was ordered out amid reports in the Cypriot and Greek press of a German-financed conspiracy to overthrow President Kyprianou. He had been living on the island since his retirement earlier this year.

The West German left-wing magazine, Das Da, quoted a leader of Edek, the Cyprus socialist party, as saying that the information came from the Cyprus secret service and that Herr Strauss had visited the island.

The West German Foreign Ministry and the CSU deny that Herr Strauss was involved in any plot.

Fasting Pakistan journalists held

From Our Correspondent
Islamabad, July 19

Four journalists and a printer were arrested in Karachi late last night after they had been on hunger strike for about eight hours in protest against infringementsof press freedom. The hunger strikers were led by Mr Minhaj Barna, president of both the Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists and the All-Pakistan Newspaper Employees Confederation. A joint action committee of the two organizations had decided on Monday night to resume its press freedom struggle after a break of seven weeks during which the committee had hoped that the military Government would have begun a new dialogue with its representatives on an eight-point charter of demands.

During a month of agitation in Lahore last May about 150 journalists and press workers courted arrest by violating the martial law ban on public demonstrations. Three of them were flogged under military court orders and more than 100 were sentenced to hard labour in prison.

However, all the arrested journalists and press workers were released in the first week of June when the agitation was suspended after the Government had allowed the Lahore edition of the Urdu daily newspaper *Musawat* to reappear

The newspaper is owned by Mr Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, the former Prime Minister now under sentence of death. It had been forced to cease publication because of its anti-government policy and its editor and printer were arrested.

The second round of the struggle was launched at the Karachi Press Club yesterday when a meeting of journalists and press workers demanded that the Government permit the Karachi edition of *Musawat* and two pro-Bhutto weeklies to resume publication. The meeting also called for the reinstatement of about 124 journalists and press workers who were dismissed by National Press Trust newspapers for taking part in the May agitation.

The Government, which has by-passed Mr Barna and instead has been holding talks with leaders of a newly formed parallel organization, maintains that *Musawat* is free to find a press and resume publication while the two weeklies may seek fresh permission to start publication. It claims it has shown greater tolerance of press criticism and allowed greater freedom than Mr Bhutto did.

Mr Barna and his unions, the Government says, have been campaigning for Mr Bhutto's People's Party and thus conducting political agitation in the guise of a press freedom struggle.

Mr Barna has stated that the press workers and journalists will continue their struggle.

State diverts the gaming instinct to profitable ends

Lotteries are a national pastime to Russia's inveterate gamblers

From Michael Binyon
Moscow, July 19

The Royal Commission on Gambling, which recommended that Britain should have a national lottery to help good causes such as sport and the arts, might well have had a look at how things are done here.

In the Soviet Union there are lotteries to support all manner of things, from the Olympics to the wellbeing of African journalists.

Russians, traditionally inveterate gamblers, spend millions of roubles a year on lotteries. Buying a lottery ticket from a street kiosk and scanning the papers for the winning numbers is a national pastime which, in the absence of football pools and off-course betting on horses, occupies a central position in many people's lives. The state has succeeded in diverting the Russian gaming instinct to profitable ends.

The main lottery is held every six weeks and is called rather prosaicially Money and Things Lottery. A ticket costs 30 kopecks, and the prizes include cars, carpets, motor cycles, refrigerators, cameras, vacuum cleaners and so on. Or the winner can choose the equivalent sum in money.

In a draw at the end of April, for example, in the Russian Federation's lottery (each republic runs its own lottery), 11,880 consumer items were won in prizes and there were more than five million money prizes. The total prize money came to 9.9m roubles—a considerable sum, and a good indication of the popularity of this form of gambling.

One of the most popular lotteries is called Sportlotto. There are two kinds. The most common is the regular weekly draw held every Wednesday. The system is rather like bingo; at a cost of 30 kopecks entrants have to cross out six numbers on a card of 49 numbers; the completed section is sent in and the competitor keeps a copy; the winning numbers are published in the press, and announced, like football pools, in a 10-minute television programme every Wednesday night.

Sportlotto kiosks can be found in all the main streets, plastered with details of the winning prizes and slogans wishing all entrants good luck. Metro stations often have little tables outside the entrance (inside in winter) where tickets are sold.

The lottery has little connexion with sport, though one version substitutes the names of sports for numbers and the competitor again has to pick the winning combination. But there is also an Olympic Lottery. The money from this goes towards building the Olympic Village, and the chief prize (naturally) is a ticket to one event at the 1980 Olympic Games. Another Olympic lottery, Sprint, offers only money as a reward.

There are also more specialized draws. The Art Lottery offers pictures, vases, carpets and so on, and tickets are sold mainly in art shops. There is no choice of prize—it is bad luck if the winner does not like his sculpture or picture.

The Book Lottery works in a different way. Entry costs 25 kopecks; the entrant picks a ticket from a tombola: it may be blank, in which case he loses, or it may be a voucher worth a rouble or more. The winning tickets are like book tokens, and can be spent in book shops. Draws in this lottery are continuous and the tombolas are found in most bookshops.

Then there is Dosay, a twice yearly draw for the benefit of the Soviet Armed Forces. There are big prizes in this.

And finally there is a more unusual lottery called the Journalists' Lottery. The prize here is a trip to Eastern Europe—it is presumably up to the winner to try to get a Soviet exit visa. The money is supposed to support journalists in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

Lottery tickets are found all over Moscow and ticket sellers try to inveigle any passer-by into taking a chance. Indeed, some shop assistants offer lottery tickets, instead of small change, and become grumpy if the customer insists on the money instead. Ticket-sellers have an interest, though—they get commission on the number they sell.

In addition to regular lottery tickets there are state bonds. These are the equivalent of Premium Bonds in Britain, and began only a few years later, in 1966. They can be bought at a savings bank in denominations of 10 or 20 roubles. Draws are held eight times a year and the top prize is 5,000 roubles.

Soviet leaders absent from Kulakov funeral

From Our Own Correspondent
Moscow, July 19

Mr Fyodor Kulakov, the high-ranking Politburo member who died on Monday, was buried today at the Kremlin wall with full pomp and ceremony. But neither President Brezhnev nor Mr Kosygin, the Prime Minister, attended the funeral—an absence causing some speculation by Western diplomats that Mr Kulakov might have been slipping from favour.

In all, four of the Politburo's 14 members were absent. Mr Mikhail Suslov, the veteran hardline ideologue, and Mr Arvid Pelshe, the oldest member, were also not present.

One more persuasive line of speculation, however, is that Mr Kulakov was indeed rising fast in the hierarchy—too fast for senior men such as Mr Kosygin and Mr Suslov, who chose therefore to keep away from the funeral. And Mr Brezhnev, who saw him as a protege, might have been too upset to attend.

Mr Brezhnev is thought to be on holiday in the Crimea, but he was expected to return for the funeral. He recently attended another Red Square funeral for Professor Mstislav Keldych, the former head of the Soviet Academy of Sciences. All Politburo members were present when one of their number last died, Marshal Grechko, the former Defence Minister.

Mr Kulakov's funeral was organized by his putative rival for the succession, Mr Andrei Kirilenko. Half the Politburo stood vigil by the bier. The urn containing Mr Kulakov's ashes was placed in a niche in the Kremlin wall.

There is no clear successor to Mr Kulakov in the Politburo. He was the leading senior expert on agriculture, the Achilles heel of the Soviet economy. His death leaves the question of the succession to Mr Brezhnev as party leader even more unclear.

Peking-Hanoi talks on Chinese offered

Peking, July 19.—China today proposed high-level negotiations with Vietnam next month to settle the question of Chinese residents who, it says, are being driven out of that country.

A Foreign Ministry statement suggested the talks should be at the level of deputy foreign ministers and could start in either Peking or Hanoi.

Talks with Hanoi on the evacuation of the Chinese by sea were still deadlocked, the statement went on.

Bonus success: The *People's Daily* today gave its clearest endorsement yet to the principle of bonus payments in China, citing examples of extra pay increasing productivity and the quality of work.

The *People's Daily* reported the results of bonuses introduced in March at a Peking construction unit for "overall excellent performance and overfulfilment of tasks".

This had "conspicuous effects" on the unit's 2,300 workers compared with their performance during the same period last year. Average productivity went up 53 per cent, volume of work completed by more than 55 per cent

The newspaper said that in January 89 workers spent 18 days building one floor of a new dormitory block. After the introduction of bonuses it took in March only 66 people 10 days to do it.—Reuter.

Americans pull ahead of Russians at sea

By Henry Stanhope
Defence Correspondent

The great strides taken by the Soviet Union in building up its Navy during the past 10 years are now being overtaken by the United States, according to *Jane's Fighting Ships 1978-79*, published today.

But Captain John Moore, the editor, also criticizes the "drastic cuts" in the American naval building programme.

He says in his foreword that the gap between the conventional forces of the superpowers at sea is beginning to close, with the increasing introduction of Harpoon, Phalanx and Standard missiles by the American fleet.

If the Americans were to include both the strategic and tactical versions of the Tomahawk cruise missile in their inventory, the balance would be "considerably tilted in their favour".

No Soviet surface ships at present carry strategic weapons and the Russians, the foreword says, would greatly benefit if they could forestall the deployment of the strategic Tomahawk under the terms of the next agreement in the strategic arms limitation talks (Salt).

Captain Moore says that the advantages held for so long by the United States Navy through its unchallenged force of aircraft carriers are not likely to be eroded in the immediate future—"although progressive cuts in building programmes can only weaken the overall balance".

As for submarines, the United States, with 68 nuclear-powered attack boats in service and 28 being built, has a minimal edge over Russia, which has 87 operational craft and eight on the slips.

When the Harpoon submarine-launched missile is fitted, the new American Los Angeles-class boats would retrieve an advantage lost when the Russians began to equip their submarines with cruise missiles.

The United States, Captain Moore writes, also enjoys a geographical advantage in anti-submarine warfare, which enables it to make use of underwater detection devices to monitor enemy boats. The Russians have to rely upon buoys, long-range aircraft and intelligence ships off allied ports.

Captain Moore states, however, that the cuts in the American building programme belie President Carter's promise of worldwide commitments to friends and allies.

"The deletion of six submarines and 20 major warships, the erasure of 13 important conversions and the reduction of the Naval Reserve by nearly a half can only have a weakening effect on material readiness and morale", he says.

There is also criticism of delays in the British building programme, due, the foreword says, to unofficial strikes and the opposition of the Government's left wing.

As a result, the Royal Navy continues to underspend its budget because ships are not ready in time, and thus gets less for its allocated funds than it should.

Captain Moore adds that full use of these funds needs to be made because some of the Navy's Leander class frigates and Porpoise submarines are approaching the end of their life.

Only two of the Royal Navy's minesweepers, he writes, are less than 20 years old and the Hydrographer of the Navy, with four fifths of the oil-rich North Sea in need of adequate survey, has clung on to some of his ships "only by making them pensioners of the Shah of Iran for service in the Gulf".

Jane's Fighting Ships 1978-9 (Macdonald and Jane's, £31).

Progress at Vienna arms talks

From Sue Masterman
Vienna, July 19

East and West are now involved in what is regarded by both sides as a healthy argument at the mutual balanced force reduction talks in Vienna. During the fifteenth session which closed today the East Europeans have replied in detail to proposals put forward by the West in April. At today's press conference both sides stated that, with a little goodwill all round, a first stage agreement could be reached in which a start would be made to reducing the strength of the Nato and Warsaw Pact conventional forces in central Europe.

There are still many hurdles to be overcome, but both sides seem agreed that progress is being made after so many false starts.

The basic point of disagreement is still the discrepancy between the number of troops the Warsaw Pact claims to have in the area, and the number Nato estimates are really present. Only when agreement has been reached on this point can a reduction to an overall force of 900,000 be considered.

The West also demands concession on geographical grounds, since the Soviet Union can move its forces much more easily into Europe than the United States can move in troops to reinforce its European allies.

Outside the official press conference members of delegations of both sides were optimistic.

Suggestions have been forwarded to make the mutual balanced force reduction talks a permanent forum, with an equally permanent infrastruc ture in Vienna.

In brief

Police pickets delay paper

New York, July 19.—Militant New York policemen held up delivery of the *Daily News* last night in protest against the paper's editorial position on police wage demands.

Patrolmen picketed the building for four hours, blocking loading bays, but left the picket lines at one stage to search the premises after a bag of water was thrown from it, hitting two policemen.

Champion must wait

Washington, July 19.—The House of Representatives subcommission on immigration has rejected a special Bill to allow Miss Martina Navratilova, the expatriate Czechoslovak Wimbledon champion, to obtain American citizenship this year rather than have to wait until 1980.

Salyut refuelled

Moscow, July 19.—Russia's two cosmonauts on board the Salyut 6 space station, Colonel Vladimir Kovaloyonok and Mr Alexander Ivanchenkov, have successfully completed the refuelling of their laboratory, which will allow them to extend their stay in space. They have *been in orbit for five weeks.*

Loser's protest

La Paz, July 19.—Señor Hernan Siles Zuazo, a former President of Bolivia, has gone on hunger strike in the papal nunciature in la Paz in protest against alleged fraud by the armed forces in the recent general election in which he was beaten by the Government candidate.

Security Act to go

Delhi, July 19.—India's lower House of Parliament has voted to repeal the Internal Security Act which the Government of Mrs Indira Gandhi, the former Prime Minister, used to jail thousands of political critics.

Governor Wallace ill

Montgomery, Alabama, July 19.—Governor George Wallace was reported in good condition today at a Montgomery hospital where he was admitted yesterday for treatment of a urinary tract infection.

Narita railway blocked

Narita, July 19.—Rail services to Tokyo's new international airport were blocked today by concrete slabs placed across the tracks, stopping two empty passenger trains.

Third World Report

Brazil produces alcohol to supplement imported oil

From Patrick Knight
São Paulo

In an effort to cut dependency on imported oil—which cost $4,000m (£2,220m) last year, a third of all export revenue—Brazil has embarked on an ambitious scheme to produce thousands of millions of litres of alcohol. It will be made from sugar cane and cassava (manioc) to add to motor fuel and use to make chemicals.

At present, 80 per cent of Brazil's oil needs are imported, and although an offshore search is under way, nobody expects that any finds will be big enough to change this ratio very much. The demand for oil accompanies the growth of the economy, now varying between 4 and 7 per cent a year. At this rate, oil imports could cost $15,000m by 1985.

It was originally intended to produce 5,000 million litres of alcohol by 1980, and although the projects have been somewhat delayed, $200m has been spent on building and expanding 50 refineries, and another $120m will be spent this year. About 30 million of Brazil's total harvest of 145 million sacks of sugar will be turned into alcohol this year. Each sack produces 44 litres of alcohol, so together with that made from cassava, 2,300 million litres will be refined.

The programme received something of a blow earlier this year when a World Bank report suggested that because it now costs at least twice as much to produce a litre of alcohol as to import a litre of oil, more should be spent on the oil search and the alcohol programme cut back. But as ministers indignantly point out, oil has to be paid for in increasingly hard-to-earn dollars. Sugar cane grows freely, and Brazil is not yet short of suitable land.

Ideally, Brazil would export all the sugar it produces, selling it at $200-250 a ton, and import oil, costing $200 a ton. But like many countries of the Third World it has been given a quota for sugar which is nowhere near its production levels.

Experts here are united in predicting a very serious world oil shortage, and a consequent sharp price rise in the mid-1980s. Demand will then have surpassed supply once and for all, as oil reserves are exhausted more quickly than new finds are made. Third world countries largely dependent on oil for transport and industry, such as Brazil, will be hardest hit, so now is the time, it is argued, to make alternative arrangements.

Alcohol is now added to petrol in eight of the main cities in proportions varying from 10 to 20 per cent. The sugar cane growers, who planted more in anticipation of increased demand and who have high stocks, would like this to rise to 35 per cent.

The use of alcohol fuel hardly affects engine performance, although fuel consumption rises slightly. A saving of 30,000 barrels of oil a day is now being made, amounting to $130m in a year.

Many of Brazil's motor manufacturers are experimenting with engines running on pure alcohol—preparing for the day when the oil runs out altogether. And Brazilian scientists attracting the attention of engineers throughout the world to alcohol, feel they will have the final word.

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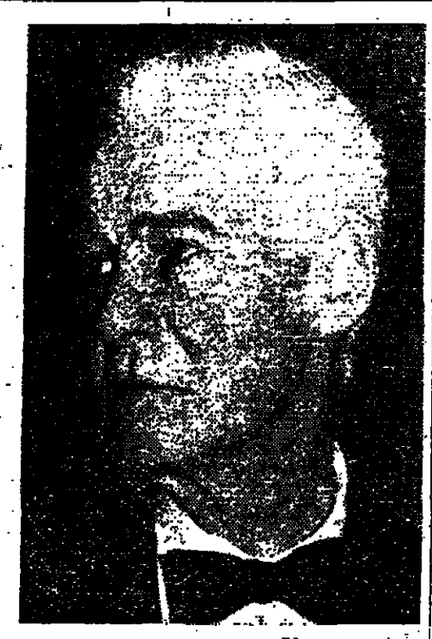
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THE ARTS



The season which opens at the Coliseum next week, without chorus as the present industrial dispute with Equity stands, marks the English National Opera's tenth anniversary there. On August 21, 1968, the Sadler's Wells Opera, as it was then called, brought up the curtain on a new production of Don Giovanni. *The man mainly responsible for the move was Stephen Arlen, the managing director of the company. Arlen saw only the opening seasons in his new home. He died in January, 1972, and Lord Harewood took over as managing director.*

Lord Harewood (left) and Glen Byam Shaw (right), who worked first with Arlen when the Old Vic was reopened after the last war and is now consultant director to the ENO, look back on the first decade in St Martin's Lane.



At home in St Martin's Lane

John Higgins

The first months at the Coliseum were not easy. There were complaints that the company was too small for the Coliseum and that the Coliseum was too big for the company. The move was probably precipitate and even the warmest well-wisher of the Sadler's Wells Opera could find little good to say about that first *Don Giovanni*.

Byam Shaw: *Giovanni* was a mistake, our first major mistake. Charles Mackerras had peritonitis at the time, indeed he very nearly died. The designer for the opera was badly chosen. The cast on the whole was unfortunate. It was a minor disaster, perhaps in retrospect a complete disaster.

Harewood: Glen, of course, won't say this, but there is no doubt that Sadler's Wells should have opened with a revival of his production of *Mastersingers*. The lesson of not starting cold was quickly learnt. I think that first season was the only time the company has begun with a new production. You build on confidence: next week we begin with what is in the repertory already, the tried and the tested. We do not bring in our first new opera, *The Seven Deadly Sins*, until well into August.

On the other hand, I'm not sure that the move was made too fast. I was chairman of the Arts Council Music Panel at the time and so looking in from the outside. We needed someone who could move mountains and Stephen Arlen was clearly that man; he probably worked himself to death getting Sadler's Wells to the Coliseum. If the transfer had been done in a more orderly and gentlemanly way it would probably never have been done at all.

Byam Shaw: I was happy at Sadler's Wells. I would never have made the move myself.

Harewood: But you're a consolidator, Glen, not a revolutionary. Stephen was the revolutionary. Why even just before he died he was considering playing opera under a big top in the regions. It was his reply to dealing with ill-equipped provincial theatres.

He knew that the company had outgrown that custom-built early Thirties house in Rosebery Avenue. There's one member of our staff who claims that he still always shudders when he goes back there. Of course there are some young singers who feel that they should not be challenged by a theatre the size of the Coliseum, but they are the minority, and very few members of the company fell by the wayside in the change from North London to the West End.

The first and most obvious beneficiary was the orchestra which sounded at least 50 per cent better during those early rehearsals at the Coliseum than it had by the Angel.

Byam Shaw: Naturally I didn't oppose the change. Why should I? The Coliseum was the very first theatre I visited. An uncle took my mother and me to see Sarah Bernhardt there doing a scene from somebody's version of *St Joan*. It was all in French and it didn't mean much to my six-year-old mind, but it has stuck in the memory. A few years later, again at the Coliseum, I saw Ellen Terry in an extract from *The Merchant of Venice* and was taken to pay my respects backstage. "What did you think of the Nerissa?" she asked. "One day she will be a star." Nerissa at that performance was Edith Evans.

The one major setback the Sadler's Wells Opera Company suffered from its transplant was that unheeding taxi drivers kept on taking their patrons up to Rosebery Avenue.

Harewood: Even in 1973 I remember one of my sons being late for *The Devils* because he had been taken to the wrong place, and that was after five years' residence. It is the most elementary rule of the entertainment business that you must not carry the name of one theatre if you are playing in another one. That is why Stephen Arlen fought so hard to get the title of the Sadler's Wells Opera changed.

I carried on the struggle and I thought we should be called the British National Opera. I recall going along with Kenneth Robinson to the Board of Trade, where we were referred to the Department of Sensitive Names—it sounds like an offshoot of John Cleese's Department of Funny Walks. We argued until we were blue in the face and we were so rude that we thought we had lost the day. But in the end we triumphed, or at least partially triumphed, and the English National Opera it was.

What has been the low point during those 10 years at the Coliseum?

Harewood: Oh, no doubt. *Euryanthe*. With that opera we took on a very difficult problem which we had absolutely no hope of solving. We lost rehearsal after rehearsal because of industrial unrest and we should have made the decision to cancel. We didn't and we lost.

Byam Shaw: Low point? I really can't recall. It's like being sick in the gutter on the way home from a splendid party. You try and forget about that episode as soon as you can and just remember the party.

And apart from the obvious triumph of *The Ring*, recognized by EMI in the *Götterdämmerung* which completes the recording of the cycle this month, what has given most pleasure?

Byam Shaw: *The Royal Hunt of the Sun* because of the invention of the production.

Harewood: *War and Peace* because it is a favourite opera of mine . . . *Salome* because we broke new ground . . . *Rosenkavalier* because it is a mountain every opera house has got to ascend. Putting on a satisfactory *Ring* is like winning the League, a successful *Rosenkavalier* is tantamount to winning the Cup.

Does the management of the ENO feel any embarrassment at occupying London's best ballet theatre?

Harewood: Not in the least, any more than we feel embarrassment at occupying London's best opera theatre.

Byam Shaw: Absolutely not. We do the ballet companies a very good turn by opening up to them for so much of the summer.

And what are the main ambitions for the next decade?

Byam Shaw: I would like the spirit which pervaded Sadler's Wells to pervade this theatre. Even in a house this size and with a staff this size I think it's possible.

Harewood: I want to make our mark with the public sufficiently for them to give us the benefit of the doubt, so that they come to see works with unfamiliar titles simply because *we* are doing them, I want to rekindle enthusiasm for the new and the little-known.

Being Second is Just No Good at All

Yorkshire

Michael Ratcliffe

Four and a half thousand workers on the morning shift arrived at the Yamaha factory in Japan to the sound of a taped cuckoo followed by a keep-fit class and a management lecture on loving the product and giving one's best. They bowed, giggled and clapped on cue, and looked entirely pleased with themselves—as well they might, since they and their compatriots have taken over the world motorcycle market from Britain and the West, and their only competitors are, as it were, just over the hill at Honda.

The man they were clapping, however, was their design consultant. He had introduced them to the application of computer technology to engine design, and he is an Ulsterman, Gordon Blair. Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Queen's University, Belfast. Blair was both too humorous and too serious a boffin to suggest that what the workers of the British engineering industry needed was mechanical teamwork and electrified birdsong, but he did put in a strong word for raising the status and rewards of the engineer in British society—it is a fact, inexplicable save by our romanticization of research and our distaste for grubby fingers, that both have declined steadily since the days of Boulton, Telford and Brunel.

For his pioneering work with Yamaha, Blair is this year's winner of the Trident Science Award, given by the parent company of Yorkshire and Tyne Tees TV, so he made an appropriate subject for documentation, though in the event one more suited to a specialist economics series than the main ITV network spot on Tuesday night. The sight of the prof in the pits, planning every race to win and loving it all like a 40-year-old boy, was beguiling enough, but the director, Peter Jones, and producer, Paul Dunstan, seemed to be trying to convey more than the usual text on British apathy and Japanese enterprise. Something about the liberation from fear by self-expression and faith in what one was doing, perhaps. Blair took the daily road blocks and cemented terraces of Belfast in his genial technocratic stride, but Jones and Dunstan could not leave them alone. This teasing left me wanting to know more about everything in Ulster and Japan except motor cycle engines, the actual subject of the programme itself.

Monsieur Artaud

Theatrespace

Irving Wardle

Always reluctant to give offence, I am in the habit of describing as "friendly" any theatre where the quality of the performance is outweighed by the welcome you get at the door. On those terms, Theatrespace (29 King Street) is a very friendly place: two spacious basements, dispensing good cheap wine in one room and performances by regional groups in the other, and currently offering a pair of productions by the Artaud Company including the dreadful above-named piece by Michael Almaz.

On a stage seemingly littered with debris left behind by Strand Electric, *Monsieur Artaud* is a relentlessly unselective chronicle play for two actors. John Ioannou, with alternately hooded and blazing eyes, has a certain baleful resemblance to the author of *The Theatre of Cruelty*, and at least he gets to play Artaud all through.

Everybody else in the author's production is played by the luckless Anne Haydn who appears as a pipe-smoking Dullen, a flapper interviewer filling us in on Artaud's film career, a succession of contrasted leading ladies including the titled amateur Iya Abdy (who is seen paying the bills for the *Cenci* while miming one of the master's torture scenes), and Artaud's tram heiress fiancée. She also narrates in a breathless continuous present; "the war is over and Artaud is much better" etc.

The show thus whizzes through the years of surrealism to Artaud's years of confinement as a madman, pausing only to show him frenziedly rehearsing Vitrac's *Victor* and *'Tis Pity She's a Whore*. Why Mr Almaz should have concentrated on Artaud the director, at the expense of the visionary theorist, is beyond me: but the effect is to show him off as a mad genius who can safely be laughed off, and thus a creature of the very boulevard tradition which he set out to blow sky high.

Intentional or not, there is a certain apt pathos in the sight of Mr Ioannou welcoming a throng of invisible celebrities to his empty stage: "Nice to see you with us, Roger Blin . . . of course you may watch rehearsals, Barrault." Also in the company's repertory is *Letter from K*, an adaptation by Mr Almaz of Kafka's letters to Felice Bauer.

New ballets

LAMDA

John Percival

Can you teach choreography? Some of the best choreographers say no. I suppose a relevant analogy is that you can teach someone how to write music, but that does not necessarily make a composer of him. All the same, the performance at the LAMDA Theatre on Tuesday night showed highly entertaining results from a dance composition course at the Royal Ballet School. I cannot remember when I so much enjoyed an evening of workshop ballets.

Six young choreographers contributed from one to five works each: a long programme. But it was enlivened with a good deal of humour, begun when Simon Horrill wore a pair of frogmen's flippers to dance his own interpretation of a Bach prelude. Among his other pieces, a harem dance based on Turkish paintings showed imagination and a dance to a very moral poem by Harold Begbie, "How every wise child should live", showed wit.

Louisa McAlpine read that for him to telling effect and also had her own choreographic interpretation of another poem, a macabre "Bedtime Story" by Ted Hughes, in which the solo she invented for Jonathan Burrows caught both the comic and the pathetic elements of the text.

Burrows is the young man who had a work on show at Wimbledon last week. This programme consolidated the favourable impression that had given, not only by the skill of his pieces but by their range, too: a solo interpretation of Dylan Thomas's Bessie Bighead, a suite of dances to Vaughan Williams's *Songs of Travel* and a work based on the intricate patterns of images from ancient Celtic art.

No less ambitious was Matthew J. Wright, whose *Sonic. Seasonings* was perhaps too long (blame the composer, Walter Carlos, for dragging out his ideas) but contained some striking moments, both simple and complex, by turns gruesome or lighthearted. His tiny silent studies also showed an original approach, especially a duet based on authentic karate positions.

Pieces by Juanita Yazbek and Beverly Sandwith were more conventional but had their moments. The question now is whether at least some of these talented youngsters will be able to keep their originality and especially their humour (a rare quality in choreographers) when they meet the conformist pressures of professional life. I hope so, for our sake as much as theirs.

The brilliance of Shibata Zeshin

An exhibition at the Milne Henderson Gallery, Mount Street, London, two years ago broke new ground in a first account in English of the nineteenth-century Japanese master of painting and craft, Shibata Zeshin. There now follows a more comprehensive exhibition at the same gallery illustrating his brilliance in wood-block prints, lacquer and ink painting and including works by other Japanese artists linked with him in their versatility and ability to keep alive the Japanese tradition of design in a period much exposed to Western influences.

Among these artists still working in the early twentieth century were Ogata Gekkō, painter, printmaker, decorator of lacquer and pottery, and Tsukioka Kōgyo, noted both for his paintings and prints of flowers and birds and his illustration of *No* plays. They give an impression of Japanese art very different from the popular prints of the Ukiyo-e School to which Western eyes have been especially conditioned.

The variety of spatial composition, the concentrated effect of simplified forms, with an occasional touch of quiet humour, in the work of Zeshin, have excellent examples; in painting the vivid characterization of *Filial Piety* on a ground of wood, sprinkled with gold, the dashing brushwork of the painting of a cockerel in swift notation of red and black; in prints an endless fertility that gives even to the untouched paper round the object or objects depicted an expressive significance. The world of nature is exquisitely simplified by Gekko whose *Carp* swims with so much poetry of movement through a watery translucence.

Subtlety in technique and observation can be appreciated in the *Quails in Night Landscape with Moon* by Kōgyo, a print of delicate design in which the moon is gently silvered; and in the contrast of space and the distribution of a few minute shell forms that gives an unusual distinction to a screen by A. Yushin, Zeshin's pupil.

William Gaunt



Shibata Zeshin : Carp

London debuts

Max Harrison

Although the final Presto was quite fluent, Aleksandra Klaczynska gave a generally lumpy and unstable account of Beethoven's Sonata Op 10 No 2. A brace of Rachmaninov Preludes were done with more spirit, but the difficult Op 23 No 5 was beyond her technical grasp. Prokofiev's Sonata Op 38 received a diligent performance that contained some quite good moments although rarely was any feeling of real forward movement created.

Some of these impressions were modified by Miss Klaczynska's Chopin, the Polonaise Op 25 No 1, for instance, being firmly shaped and expressive, with a better focus on pianistic detail. However, she was unable fully to unify the more diverse elements of the Fantasy Op 49, its quiet passages such as the lento sostenuto being too passive and contrasting too sharply with the more rapid episodes.

Another pianist, Noriko Tsuchihashi, showed a fair technique and the energy to go with it in Beethoven's 32 Variations in C minor, but after an attractive start these latterly grew inaccurate and some chords were accented so heavily as to be quite out of scale. A group of Scarlatti sonatas fared better, these sounding crisp and buoyant.

Mozart's Sonata K.330 had similar qualities, too, being crystal clear, with springy rhythms and taut phrases. Yet there was no depth and little meaning here, least of all in the Andante where the music was allowed time to make few of its points. Miss Tsuchihashi had a stronger affinity with Debussy's sound-world, and there were sensitive and refined passages in both "Reflets dans l'eau" and "Hommage à Rameau" from *Images* Book One. But the latter more than once lost its sense of direction and there were rhythmic inaccuracies elsewhere.

The City of Hull Youth Orchestra and their conductor, Geoffrey Heald-Smith, became associated with Bantock through recording his long-forgotten *Hebridean* Symphony. For their first London appearance (at the Festival Hall), however, they offered his *Macbeth* Overture. This was based on seven pieces composed for a 1927 production of the play and reworked in 1940. The result does not sound fragmentary, and has, indeed, a fine, epic feeling.

The Hull Youth Orchestra compares quite well with similar bodies from other parts of the country, although string tone is thin and the ensemble's overall tuning not all it might be. This was evident in Rachmaninov's Paganini Rhapsody, which is almost as much of a virtuoso piece for the orchestra as for the piano soloist (John Clegg). The more expansive passages were often excellent, but much of the quick detail in the brass and woodwind sounded fuzzy. The less sophisticated idiom of Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 5 was easier for them, and this received an acceptably full-blooded performance, especially the first movement. There was a good shot at the Andante cantabile's important horn solo, too.

Allegri Ensemble

Wigmore

Joan Chissell

Since demand for tickets for the Allegri-Robles Ensemble on Tuesday again exceeded supply, as at Christa Ludwig's recital on Saturday, Wigmore Hall's new chamber music festival seems to be meeting a real need. With harp, flute and clarinet at hand as well as string quartet, the programme was ideal for a summer night.

The first half went to Mozart, with the clarinet quintet as *pièce de résistance*. That brought first-rate teamwork, with Jack Brymer's clarinet never dominating, but beautifully intertwined with the light texture of the Allegri team. His own nuances in cantabile and the liquidity of his arpeggio flourishes were a delight.

The D major flute quartet, K285, represents a less mature Wolfgang, and we know from published correspondence how severely Leopold Mozart chastised his son for not trying hard enough with this particular commission. Its brief slow movement is a minor miracle, all the same. Christopher Hyde-Smith's phrasing here was a little unyielding, but he made amends in a sparkling finale.

Whether the unremarkable set of variations included by Marisa Robles in the first half were composed by Mozart remains a moot point. She played them boldly; but inevitably was more the spellbinder we remember of old, in terms of magical sonority, in Bax's one-movement Elegaic Trio for flute, viola and harp (a feast of nostalgia) and Ravel's still more seductively scored *Introduction and Allegro*, which united all seven artists. At first it seemed as if the attack of out-of-tuneness that had marred Schubert's *Quartettsatz* from the Allegri team might bedevil the Ravel, too. But once the introduction was passed, these players found their form. The *Allegro* was subtly balanced, coloured and phrased, with smouldering embers bursting into flame at the climax of the development in preparation for the harp cadenza beautifully weighed and measured by Miss Robles.

The Prodigal Son

Southwark Cathedral

Paul Griffiths

It is strange how swiftly, and without one noticing it, works of art acquire the patina of history. Britten's church parables, which seemed rather surprising departures when they were first performed, now appear very 1960s, very Coventry Cathedral, and *The Prodigal Son*, the third and last of the series, is not without signs that the composer was already tiring of his novel genre when he came to write it. If one may judge from the size of the audience for Tuesday's City of London Festival performance, public interest too has waned.

This production by the English Music Theatre Company, unattributed in the opening announcement which served as programme, was effectively a resurrection of Colin Graham's definitive staging for the company in their earlier incarnation as the English Opera Group. As such it caught well the work's atmosphere of medieval church drama played out in gestures that come straight from stained glass.

Interrupting the monkish ritual, Kenneth Bowen made a strong impression at the Tempter's first entrance, and he maintained his central place right through.

This was a glamorous portrayal of the devil sung with splendid lyrical potency and acted with assurance. His seduction of the Younger Son was rightly insinuating, yet it was conducted from a position of strength, as if the victim was to be despised for his simplicity.

Bernard Dickerson, playing that victim, brought a pleasant freshness to his singing and seemed very much the innocent abroad. The Father was a Mystery-play God as presented by Bryan Drake, who declaimed his part with unquestionable authority while Donald Stephenson brought out the human features of the Elder Son. The instrumental ensemble, led from the chamber organ by Roger Vignoles, was less inclined to seek out whatever virtues the piece contains.

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

Fried/Ohlsson

Mansion House

Max Harrison

The first chamber music programme in this year's City of London Festival had a pleasing shape, each half starting with one of Schubert's early sonatinas for violin and piano of 1816 and ending with one of the more adventurous works he wrote for this medium about ten years later. Miriam Fried and Garrick Ohlsson began with the G minor Sonatina D408, which in shape and substance is frankly very like the Sonatina in A minor D385 heard later.

Both had thoroughly engaging performances, for Miss Fried and Mr Ohlsson make a good team, flexible yet unanimous. Each movement sounded decisive yet natural, even effortless. True, the sonatinas are scarcely problematic music and, apart from a certain harmonic waywardness, their manners suggest the eighteenth rather than the nineteenth century. The Rondo in B minor D895, and Fantasy in C major D934, which closed each part of the concert, were more testing. In the Rondo, for example, Miss Fried drew a much greater variety of colour from her large and consistent violin tone, though without making her phrasing any less firm and direct.

There was a wider range of dynamics from Mr Ohlsson, too. This Rondo is a large and adventurous piece, and it is curious to hear such eminently mature Schubert in an unfamiliar medium. It led one to speculate what else he might have composed for violin and piano had he lived just a few years more.

One thing he did write was the C major Fantasy, which, like the "Wanderer" Fantasy for solo piano, is a kind of sonata whose several diverse movements are convincingly fused into one. Indeed, I must confess that until hearing Miss Fried and Mr Ohlsson play them on Tuesday I had not fully realized the outstanding quality of this Rondo and Fantasy.

The Prime Minister's Husband

Churchill, Bromley

Ned Chaillet

You know the situation, hidden behind the morning papers there is the husband, immune to the wife's chatter. The wife talks anyway, about what the greengrocer said and what the butcher said, inwardly seething with resentment.

Hidden behind the paper in Eric Paice's play is the Prime Minister of England, Helen Tyler, and the stream of inconsequential chitchat comes from her husband. When the PM refuses to countenance her spouse's taking a full-time job, he confides to the daughter that he has decided to seek a divorce.

There are other matters at hand. Helen has decided that morning to call a general election, and the Queen concurs because television has been so boring of late. The daughter has brought home a man she met at a discotheque who turns out to be a wealthy Arab with a plan for an Arab-English-Norwegian alliance, and absolute dominion over Europe.

Mr Paice shoots off volleys of jokes about the Common Market, the declining pound, unemployment and women's liberation. It does manage to keep the humour political, since many of the jokes are laboured and the laughter is fairly conservative.

He might have been better served by a company which has greater success in memorizing his lines.

There is some pleasure in the production, with different jokes hitting sections of the audience, some placed with accuracy by Gerald Flood as the husband, but many of them wing aimlessly about as a result of bad timing. Karen Ford, as the daughter in search of a male chauvinist pig, actually builds a character to something approaching believability but she has been given few of the funny lines.

It is a hasty production, by Alexander Dore and might settle down when the actors know what to expect from their audience, but the play is too thin in action, although abounding in potentially comic plot.

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NEW BOOKS

The prestige of power

The Rise of the Plutocrats
Wealth and Power in Edwardian England
By Jamie Camplin
(Constable, £6.95)

Jamie Camplin is a curious species of Jekyll-and-Hyde. By day a harmless publisher, he turns at night into a long-distance writer whose suffering wife he thanks "for acting as a spur in a variety of ways towards completion of the book".

Before the birth of this book, Mr Camplin studied fibres and textiles at Courtaulds, and history at Cambridge. His commercial interests are well married to his historical discipline in this study of wealth and power in Edwardian England. Yet it is a strange marriage. Mr Camplin deals ironically with many of the plutocrats whose careers fascinate him. A Double First in History, he quotes with approval the discovery Queen Victoria confided to her diary: "I had long learnt that history was not an account of what actually happened, but what people generally thought had happened."

Very few of us know what actually happened concerning the late-Victorian and Edwardian plutocrats because so few of them wrote intimate letters or diaries, and almost none of them found reliable biographers. There were excellent reasons for this. Though interesting perhaps collectively as a social phenomenon, they were desperately tedious people individually. There is no one in this book you would want to meet. They had no sense of words (and therefore little sense of humour): they simply loved figures. Immeasurably naive, they became immensely able only when acting on a vast impersonal scale. They worked not through the intellect, but by intuition and shrewd observation, their imaginations coming alive whenever they were involved in what Mr Camplin calls the "creative role of large-scale finance in the modern world".

Most of them were like boys: fiercely competitive and with a zest for winning; boasting of their achievements and wealth; gobbling up luxury and social kudos, like sweets. They had obsessional zeal, but were lonely men who bought status in place of love. Great homage was paid to their wealth, but personally they remained unpopular.

Mr Camplin has a convincing thesis. Before 1870, he writes, the ownership of land was a pre-condition of power in Britain. Parliament was dominated by the opinions of landed interests, and "aristocracy" was merely another word for the great owners of land. Everything seemed dynamically stationary.

But a group of men, who would not be absorbed by the landed rulers, had begun to make their way to fortunes from the new industries. The Establishment did not succumb at once: money alone was not to be a valid passport into Society. The land, however, was declining rapidly as a source of employment: the life of the field had begun to retreat before the life of the City. A range of consumer industries grew up to exploit the needs of a changing marketplace. During the Edwardian Age, the distribution of income was as unequal as anywhere at any time in the history of the world. The plutocrats—men such as the soap-king Lever, hulme, the paper-baron Northcliffe, tea-lad Lipton, Bournville-boy Cadbury—made more money in less time than any group of people had ever done in Britain. They aped the manners of Society, sent their sons to public schools to recreate them in the image of aristocrats, intruded into local government, infiltrated both Houses of Parliament.

In overcoming the old order, these plutocrats invented techniques that would shortly transfer their power to the consolidated trade union and big corporation. Mr Camplin writes:

in acquiring through their own efforts high status in society they looked forward; in seeking power of a direct and personal kind, they belonged to a tradition now lost to institutions and their captive officials . . . society's traditional framework had dissolved into a chaos for which the new order had yet to emerge. British social and economic life has been fighting to escape from that confusion ever since.

Into this history lesson Mr Camplin weaves the stories of his plutocrats. Through wealth they sought power, he tells us, and were greatly feared. I believe he exaggerates this power. What they searched for was the *prestige* of power, its style and circumstance. But once they had bought it they discovered that they had been sold an empty box. They stood at the centre of a mirage, seeing nothing. Money for them was not freedom of action, but locked-up energy—energy with no place to go. Want not, live not: to the rest of us they offered consolation by dying unhappy.

But, as Mr Camplin the publisher realizes, people like reading about money—especially people in America. Though everyone knows that if you have a cup of coffee with a millionaire you pick up the bill, a superstition persists that by associating with the rich you catch, not their tedium, but their wealth. Money is the dullest of subjects if only because, as Consuelo Vanderbilt found, it is eternally boring "to walk on an endlessly spread red carpet". But Mr Camplin, who has studied the matter with the scholarship and memory of a good anthologist, writes of it all with skill and a wry romantic wit. Unfortunately what fascinates him strikes for me a dumb note on the piano. I can see he is playing brilliantly: but I can hear nothing. Others, with an ear for this sort of thing, must give him the loudest applause.

Michael Holroyd



Louisa May
A Modern Biography of Louisa May Alcott
By Martha Saxton
(André Deutsch, £7.50)

Perhaps past attitudes to Louisa May Alcott may best be summed up by the closing paragraph of the Introduction to Belle Moses's adulatory biography published in 1923: "Miss Alcott wrote as Shakespeare did, for all time and all generations. The element of immortal youth is in all her work. . . ." Extravagant claims indeed! Martha Saxton is not so bedazzled although clearly aware of the critical pitfalls: "*Little Women*", she says in her opening chapter, "has a place in American culture along with taffy pulling and Flag Day. It's nearly un-American not to have read this monument to family life." But she then goes on to expose the stiflingly narrow morality, the frustrations and burden of guilt which lay behind the writing of this seductively warm, uncomplicated story where good deeds and sacrifices are always rewarded and where evil is properly punished.

There is no doubt that Louisa Alcott was a complex personality, constantly at odds with the role she was expected to adopt in Victorian female society. Martha Saxton has come to her subject freshly charged with modern feminism and post-Freudian psychology and she turns a mercilessly critical eye on the claustrophobic and often irresponsible tyranny exerted in the Alcott menage.

Because she sees Louisa's parents, Bronson and Abba Alcott, as such significant and emotionally damaging influences in Louisa's life, Ms Saxton has devoted a substantial part of her biography to establishing the facts of Bronson and Abba's early life and marriage. Bronson Alcott was a philosopher and educationist who rarely earned a regular or adequate income to support his family and who regarded himself as "the human being most nearly resembling Christ", an opinion which his wife Abba supported him in, while she slowly wore herself out coping with ill-health, pregnancy and the ever-present lack of money.

Martha Saxton seems to take Louisa's brief, but traumatic experience as a nurse during the Civil War as the turning point. *Hospital Sketches* (1863), a collection of stories based on this experience was her first real success. Its publication also coincided with the severe attack of typhoid pneumonia which brought her nursing to an abrupt end and left her health permanently broken. Ms Saxby claims that the Calomel treatment Louisa received at this time established mercury poisoning to which all her later bouts of illness and general debility can be attributed. This is a very plausible theory, although it finds only moderate support among other biographers.

Louisa Alcott was a lifelong supporter of Women's Suffrage: she believed in woman's right to work and be independent. In her early teens, after her father's disastrous Fruitlands experiment (an attempt to establish Eden on Earth in which the whole family nearly died of starvation) she had resolved to ". . . teach, sew, act, write anything to help the family; and I'll be rich and famous and happy before I die". Already, she was willing to take on the "masculine" role and her words proved almost prophetic, for she did achieve both wealth and fame. Happiness, however, according to Martha Saxton, was to elude her. She could never shrug off the legacy of her youth.

Martha Saxton has leaned heavily on the letters and journals of the Alcott family for her information, but she has also extrapolated from Louisa Alcott's novels, seeing in them an expression of their author's own character and aspirations. All the sources are listed in the notes and bibliography, although one must take Ms Saxton to task for omitting first publication dates (particularly annoying in the case of Alcott's own books). For this information, one should still go to Madeleine Stern's biography, *Louisa May Alcott*, first published in 1950.

Indeed, Mrs Stern's volume provides an admirable foil to *Louisa May*, for it is not bedevilled by the need to portray Louisa Alcott as a sacrificial offering on the altar of feminism. Mrs Stern sees her more as a victim of circumstance nobly shouldering the burden of her shiftless family. Probably the truth lies somewhere between and we may therefore be grateful to Martha Saxton for granting us a new and quite different viewpoint.

Valerie Alderson

Spoiling the fun

The Diary of W. M. Rossetti 1870-1873.
Edited with an introduction and notes by Odette Bornand
(Oxford, £12.50)
Four Rossettis
By Stanley Weintraub
(W. H. Allen, £5.95)

W. M. Rossetti worked for the Inland Revenue, and used to tell how his chief had seen Herbert Spencer propose to George Eliot on the leads of Somerset House where his office was. Herbert Spencer had gone down on one knee in due form, but had been turned down. WMR always made a hash of the story, and Henry James, having heard him as raconteur, became irritated. He thought WMR an unbelievable bore. "You would think", he said, "that a man would make something out of a story like *that*."

But no. WMR, industrious, vastly well read, a support for rakehelly, drug-addictive Gabriel, for Christina too, the inveterate invalid ("Christina still in bed"), the setter-to-rights of Swinburne's chaotic affairs—WMR the wholly indispensable lacked sparkle. And indeed, making his slow headway through this three-years-and-a-bit of his diary, the reader has to admit—however reluctantly for WMR is clearly a man of worth—that Henry James was right, WMR is a bore.

He takes a summer holiday in Italy, plods round admiring Renaissance treasures for the right reasons, but can convey little of the lifting of the spirit he genuinely felt. He spends an evening with Henry Wallis at Red Lion Square, but fails to find out what we all want to know—the why and how of Wallis's cuckolding of Meredith. (Perhaps it was because Sidney Webb, a man in whose presence the normal human love of scandalmongering wilted, was also present.) He demolishes fun, as when he punctures Gabriel's story of a supernatural visitation by suggesting that the ominous whining heard by Gabriel was made by a racoon which had got itself shut up in a drawer in the passage.

WMR's least uninteresting entries are the ones dealing with his conversations with Trelawney. An octogenarian when WMR talked to him, Trelawney still retained his splendid vitality which not even the diarist's Medusa stare can turn to stone. Even at that advanced age Trelawney apparently wore no underclothes. It makes you itch to think of it, but it's interesting, interesting too, of course, is what he tells WMR about Shelley, dead all those years ago.

Odette Bornand's footnotes are riotously profuse, twine convolvulus-like round WMR's uncolourful little crop. Her introduction is balanced and informative. It does justice, down to the minutest of particulars to a good, sheet-anchor of a man. He passed his days among a rackety, talented lot, and stuck by them. In her final paragraph on him Odette Bornand credits him with "minute and dispassionate scrutiny" and "calm enthusiasm": that is right.

That WMR was a good man to have on call, however tedious he may be when talking about himself, is a fact made abundantly clear in Professor Weintraub's *Four Rossettis*. Gabriel especially, that portly little remittance-man, could scarcely have managed without the steady supportive income earned by WMR from the Inland Revenue.

This is a composite biography, managed very adroitly, and Gabriel inevitably dominates it. With his amours, his Cheyne-Walk-garden-zoo, his financial tight-rope-walking, and his long whisky-chloral twilight, he is naturally the man to make the headlines.

Ford Madox Ford, who was in a position to know, said he "was a man without any principles at all, who earnestly desired to find some means of salvation along the lines of least resistance". Weintraub's book, with a wealth of colourful detail, bears this out. Christina's shut-out life also gets its proper share of attention; but her poetry, so much better than Gabriel's lush, easy stuff, deserves a fuller assessment than it gets here.

David Williams

Hooked

Folk, Fish and Fun
By Harold Balfour
(Terence Dalton, £4.40)

Fishing, the purest antidote to deskwork in a city, is also the elixir which miraculously recreates in old age the zest of a boy. Lord Balfour was hooked at birth, and it is his ability when touching 80, to impart eagerly a lifetime's enthusiasm for fishing which gives these brief reminiscences of fishing incidents their particular vigorous charm.

The author was fortunate to be able to rent or even—better still—at times to own stretches of salmon water in Scotland. He fished much in Norway and Iceland, and recalls the abiding pleasure of many holidays in the fishing camps of Newfoundland or on some of the greatest and wildest rivers in Northern Canada. The salmonfisher will surely find, spread lightly within, much salmon lore, but this is no expert's guide. It is in fact a slight book, evidently put quickly together, but well illustrated and written for all those who can remember the excitement of a first fish on a bent pin at the age of five, which the author describes delightfully, or the deep pleasure of talks over the years with a ghillie who loves his job. All such will be glad to read these happy recollections of days by flowing water.

A. M. Rendel

Imperialist technocr

Evelyn Baring
The Last Proconsul
By Charles Douglas-Home
(Collins, £7.50)

Halfway through this generally gentle book something brutal happens. We learn that Evelyn Baring, the Winchester-and-Oxford Governor of Kenya, three times appears to have perverted the course of justice. He sanctioned the bribing of witnesses in the trial of Jomo Kenyetta. He apparently saw to it that the judge in the case got £20,000 upon Kenyetta's conviction. And he evidently acceded to a flagrant misrepresentation of the facts about the Hola killings in 1959.

Suddenly, in these highly uncharacteristic episodes, we get not the measure of the man, but a grasp of his place in history. He was a famous imperialist, a man of plumes, swords and Government Houses. He was an honourable imperialist too, genuinely devoted to the welfare of his charges. But he was an imperialist out of time, when the idea of Empire had lost its conviction, and even this most admirable of proconsuls, who took Holy Communion every morning in his private attic chapel, could uphold the imperium only by betraying its principles.

Mr Douglas-Home is enthralled by the fact that his subject was the son of *the* Evelyn Baring—"Over-Baring" Lord Cromer, the haughty satrap of Egypt—and that the lives of the two men spanned in a unique way half a century of imperial history. I myself was left with the feeling, as I closed the pages of his excellent biography, that Evelyn Baring Jnr was unlucky to have been an imperialist at all.

The blurb calls him "prodigious", but he was certainly not that. He looked splendid indeed, with his lofty figure, his impeccable coolth and his manner of aloof benevolence (Habitually lumped together under the epithet "aristocratic"). Mr Douglas-Home thinks, as did Baring's Oxford tutor, that he was born to be Viceroy of India. It seems clear from the book itself, though, that his genius was less commanding than analytical, and that his true metier was not really the ruling of other people.

He was a nuts-and-bolts imperialist, the very model indeed of the imperial technocrat, and the great successes of his career were technical successes. He started life in the Indian Civil Service of the 1930s, and reflected to the end of his days its always gentlemanly, usually efficient and seldom exciting attitude was fine on land reform irrigation, taxation and ry; but when it came passion of great ever seems, he was out class—the nearest he ev to ecstasy, he himself sai when he was climbing

He mishandled, for in the affair of Seretse and his wife Ruth, w High Commissioner in Africa his petty snobber cannot help feeling) him to the elemental f human love. He was so his depth in the Ma crisis that blacks, white tary and administratio alike exasperated.

Paradoxically, at tha moment Baring was doin things for Kenya—not ruler of hearts or min as a brilliant economic cian. Politically modern owes little to his Gover but economically its enormous. He was no his time, last of the suls though he was, but it: for he was made s preside over one of th national development which succeeded the as grand distributors nique among the nations.

Mr Douglas-Home ass that Baring was not so he sounds, but the examples of his charm and adolescent hardly make his memo tillate. That he was g need not doubt—the m ing thing in the book haps its true climax, account of the 56-year ernor almost drowning in his attempt to resc Indian girls from the surf. That he was gr book itself does not to claim.

It is an eminently and sensible book. Mr Home was obviously de Baring, but he is ne some, and if his syntax sionally fuzzy his ju are always clear. Tho work is disfigured by i able misprints, and thou a little confusing to fronted by a portrait Cromer bafflingly c "The author's mother" is a pleasure to review scientious and profess work.

Especially as, I rat pect, nobody will ever worth while to write biography of Evelyn Jnr—an unprodigious after all, occupying ar digious niche in history.

Jan M

Happily ever after

The Best Wine Last
An autobiography through the years 1932-1969
By Alec Waugh
(W. H. Allen, £6.95)

Alec Waugh has never been one to mistake the state of his soul for the state of the world. Heigh-ho for late Georgian summers with cricket matches and a country house and plenty of servants. In 1932, when he married Joan Fernside, all this was in the rightful ordering of things and "a couple could manage comfortably on three thousand pounds a year".

Away to the Riviera with Joan and a bagful of golf clubs. And then back for parties and dining clubs, and the company of E. V. Lucas and Douglas Ainslie and A. G. Macdonnell and Vyvyan Holland, sound fellows all. 1933 was "a great vintage year for claret". Well, yes, it was, and lucky the man able to see it like that: innocent too, if insensitive to much besides.

"I have an instinct to remain a sojourner." So with Joan installed, he sojourned elsewhere, in other words falling in love all over the shop with a Wodehousian ease, and seemingly not much bothered about spilling the beans. American women and American magazines were generous, he found, as he lived with the former and off the latter. Otherwise he visited Russia and Germany, impressed with neither dictatorship. Palm trees and pools were his beat.

Public events cut short the cricket and golf and consumption of wine. Joan, born in Australia, returned there with the children. Mr Waugh had commanded men in action against the Germans once before, and prepared to do so again, without fuss, sensing like his brother Evelyn how much the war would do for him as a writer. Officially something called an Intelligence Officer Writer, he fell on his feet, in a BEF headquarters in France. There was opportunity to write a novel and hand it to the censor, on May 9, 1940, for onward transmission don. By chance, he with this censor in the the following days, to that the novel was right, left behind in black box in Amien was one of the silliest that I have ever heard."

The blitz could not his enjoyment of life romances. Later, in the East, he turned experie fully into copy. Among tions of the deadlines has made British Services such a he tells how he di a Top Secret file on ry in Iraq. A Fr himself, he was curio file contained a singl ment, a typescript chapter in *War and P* Pierre Bezukhov's initia

When it proved im to settle down again as band and father and a he moved abroad, in the advance wave of th tax emigration. *Island Sun* brought him fame tune at the age of right for making the be Divorcing Joan, he mar American writer, Sorensen, bought a h Tangier and lived happ after.

Time was, of course men of letters by the h were like this, and the no nonsense about them The work was done, words a day, as profess as Mr Waugh knew h the confidence that decent enough. Half a of modernism has sim come into view—the two ists he judges most un mated in his time ar O'Hara and R. C. Hutc Towards Evelyn, unco bly more famous and c porary and despairing, so he says, more an unc a brother. The uncle's however, extends Evelyn to everyone and thing, and was in his no standing on dignity likable memoir, and no

David Pryce-J

Reviews next week include Michael Ratcliffe on And Did You Last See Your Father? by Roy Strong

Fiction

A Heavy Feather
By A. L. Barker
(Hogarth Press, £5.50)
How Many Years Was It Now?
By Jennifer Fitzwilliam
(Gollancz, £4.95)
The Bad Sister
By Emma Tennant
(Gollancz, £4.95)
The Beast
By Hugh Fleetwood
(Hamish Hamilton, £4.95)

The heavy feather of A. L. Barker's title needs some explaining. It appears briefly, a flicker in the mind of an old man crazed by his experiences in the First World War. He saw a feather float past the body of a soldier spread out on the wire and as if the insubstantial thing acquired a sudden, alien weight, the body that it brushed spun round, suspended upside down upon the wire. It was a mechanism that fixed the image forever.

Similar mechanisms, unnamed, seem to have imprinted each episode in this extraordinary, original book. Ostensibly the story of Almayer Jenkin, it develops without orthodox progression. Time is not jumbled but neither is it flowingly continuous. Each of the nine chapters stands complete in itself, a separate sequence in Almayer's life, not always related from her point of view—in one, where she becomes the girlfriend of David, events are seen through the spiritedly spiteful eye of David's rejected boyfriend. In another, where her own mentally defective daughter Nonny is assaulted, the complications of pain are most bewilderingly suffered by her husband Clarry.

Indeed, if the book has apparent fault, it is that in this throng of brilliantly conceived characters, Almayer is the least distinct until the closing chapter—a superbly contrived tale of a train accident—from which she emerges as the lone, tough, self-knowing survivor of her lifetime's experiences. I say *if* the book has a fault because I think this means of character exposition is probably quite deliberate. The infant Almayer of the first chapter who trails behind her incompetent plumber father observing his love for the decayed pianist Miss Velva may not appear in any way to match either the submissive wife or the hard-headed businesswoman she later becomes but this is no more implausible a sequence than the progression of grub and chrysalis to butterfly. More importantly, Miss Barker's method stresses the impact of life itself and while her characters are vividly and ingeniously observed, you can feel the clay of them re-form in the collisions of living.

Her prose is as sharp and spare in its style as is her overall construction. Again and again she goes for the core and dispenses with the peel. "One should be allowed to mourn. Mourning is natural, but of course not popular for it leaves no one else anything to do", observes the orphaned Almayer's temporary comforter Mrs Ashmole—described as "not kind so much as unobliged to be anything else. Her charity could be ruthless. She disposed good and where it was unacceptable she imposed it: if she had met with open resistance I think she would have inflicted it".

In all its parts this is a novel of rare and impressive stylishness.

How very great the contrast initially seems with Jennifer Fitzwilliam's book *How Many Years Was It Now?* This is her second instalment in the life of Mona, an indescribably plain Scottish child brought up by her Granny because it isn't awfully convenient for her mother to have care of the girl.

And yet this apparently straightforward account of Mona's doughy pubescence and transfer to her mother's household is not as artless as it seems. In a tale so transparently autobiographical, it has taken real discipline to distance the stupidity, callousness and hurt both suffered and imposed by Mona as she is robbed of her beloved dog, coldly appalled by the decline of her Granny and cluelessly fumbled by the local youth. As a portrait of adolescence this book is often unbearably evocative and made me feel no parent alive should be allowed to forget how cruelly the apparent outward hostility of this age-group is born of confusion and self disgust.

By carefully negotiating the boggy traps of self pity and sentiment Jennifer Fitzwilliam has written a genuinely moving little book.

If Mona's illegitimacy is unstated, Jane's illegitimacy is the plainly understood motive for murder in Emma Tennant's new novel, *The Bad Sister*. Or at least I *think* it is. Plain understanding is hard to come by in this fantastic reconstruction of the events leading to the murder of Michael Dalzell and his legitimate daughter Ishbel. "Jane" is not even the real name of the supposed murdress whose documented account forms the basis of the book. And "Jane" is herself the tranced instrument of Meg, leader of a sinister feminist commune whose Marxism is administered by supernatural means. Vampirism, previous existences, departures from the body—all of which seem prompted by the notion of a profoundly conditioned division of the female psyche—play such a confusing part in the story that its fictional grip on the imagination is intermittently lost. This is a pity because the writing and images are consistently striking. More precisely defined characters like "Jane's" boyfriend Tony and (most particularly) his mother, are very convincingly drawn but the rest of the novel just seeps out of control as if a drug or dream fantasy hasn't been scrupulously reworked by a critical intelligence.

The horror of Hugh Fleetwood's stories in *The Beast* is equally surreal but has a far more calculated impact although his prose lacks the range and sinuosity of Emma Tennant's. Indeed, his studiedly repetitious and parenthetic style borders on the irritating but it does create a certain underlying stillness upon which his horrors can be performed to effect.

It is, alas, impossible to describe any of the stories without destroying the masterly force of Fleetwood's grotesque twists but he can, on occasion, match the throat-clogging terror of Edgar Allan Poe. His is the most transfixing form of fear—not the kind that threatens from outside but that which comes from invitation to the beast within.

Jacky Gillott

Crime

The Quiet River
By P. M. Hubbard
(Macmillan, £3.75)
The Vienna Elephant
By Edwin Leather
(Macmillan, £4.50)

On my left, the real world, umpteen stone of uncompromising muscle: on my right, the world of imagination all compact, with the longest reach in the history of the game. Every work of fiction is a battle royal between the two. But when the promoter can fix it for imagination to have it almost all its own way what a spectacle we get. Recall John Fowles' *The Magus* or Alain-Fournier's *Le Grand Meaulnes*. Magic worlds, wonderfully present. And it is this sort of outcome in the crime-fiction division that promoter Hubbard has arranged for us this time. The result is splendid.

Somewhere in England (no more clinging topography than this) he postulates a river, quiet, almost invisible, but, deep in its banks, dangerous. To a house near it he brings a mildly pompous, boyish writer and his wife. Next to them lives the lonely, darkly powerful semi-squire. Hardly more than that, and for three parts of the book hardly anything tangible happens. But menace grows, marvellously. And in the end sharp events hammer-stroke down.

And, golly, how you believe in these almost totally unattached people. It is in the rightness of their subtle relationships that the book is anchored to the real world, as finally it must be if it is to tell us anything. Hubbard has been compared (in highbrow old *TLS*) to the Chicago School of sociologists adjudging the roles people live. I would prefer to liken him to Ivy Compton-Burnett for even to Proust for what he can tell us about how we truly react one to another. And, armed with crime-fiction's sense of menace, he avoids much of the slowness which for some readers makes those two differing giants hard going.

So there is richness. Not so much richness, frankly, in former politician Ted Leather's literary debut, but other virtues beyond doubt. Here the fight has been swung firmly to the side of reality. The story, of war loot surfacing in today's Vienna, is packed with details from our world as it is, and how satisfying to learn all we do. But each time we are told about Fabergé, about wine, about food, about Vienna's streets and buildings our story sags a little. It never collapses, but every now and again we feel in danger of being pitched out of our imaginary cocoon rudely to awake. Alas.

Nobody's Perfect, by Donald E. Westlake (Hodder & Stoughton, £4.50). But if hard plotting, skilled timing and joy in words can do it, Westlake's nearly perfect. New York/Britain hymn to burglarious gone-awryness.

Rex Mundi, by George Sims (Gollancz, £3.95). Sims is odd, deliciously odd often. Curious tale here of treasure greed in Corfu and atmosphere thick London, with rare downbeat ending, idiosyncratic wanderings-off.

Crosstalk, by Dennis Bloodworth (Secker & Warburg, £4.90). Time: just yesterday. Place: the world. Motive-power: creating Sino-Russian rift. Level of seriousness: high. And devilish likely, too, if over-dotting the i's.

The Widow's War, by Alan Williams (Granada, £4.95). If an Evita-figure tried a come-back . . . From Home Counties to dangerous Latin America an ingenious blend of depth reportage and sensation literature.

Head of the Force, by James Barnett (Secker & Warburg, £4.50). First novel by retired CID Commander spotlights tomorrow's police as General bids for power. Jokey style detracts, but you want to know.

Chinamau's Chance, by Ross Thomas (Hamish Hamilton, £4.95). 380-page, glossily readable story of bluff and counter-bluff in zany California. On the beach you want the brain soothed, elsewhere a little titillated?

The Fear of God, by Derry Quinn (Barrie & Jenkins, £3.95). Washed-out Fleet Streeter investigates quasi-religious power-grabbers. The tone is adult, though it misses heights by slipping too generously into superlatives.

The Last Sherlock Holmes Story, by Michael Dibdin (Cape, £3.95). If it must be done, this first novel has plenty for Holmesians, and Ripperologists. But who was the man in the wideawake?

H. R. F. Keating

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SPORT

Cricket

...inish worries all but ...sif as Kent win ...ith one ball to spare

...hn Woodcock
...t Correspondent

...HAMPTON: Kent beat ...nptonshire by five wickets.

... had to dig themselves out ...ple in their Gillette Cup-tie ... Northamptonshire yester... There was a time, after ... had chosen to field on a ... morning, when Northamp... were rattling along with ... of wickets in hand. But ...st their momentum, and in ... it was with just enough ...e—one ball to be precise—...ent made the 249 they ... to win.

...ay cricket is always at its ... a good batting pitch, and ...as certainly that. Even ...wood was taken for 64 in ...overs. But whereas, with ..., Kent had Woolmer and ...d to keep some sort of ... Northamptonshire had ...rfraz to do so, once Wool... ...d Johnson, opening Kent's ... had seen the shine off ...e ball.

... eight overs, Kent were ... no wicket. Sarfraz had ...sisted, though, and soon ...ulations of Northampton... bowling were being laid ... Woolmer was out in the ...ar Johnson, Tavaré and ...ayed handsomely, mostly ... medium pace and for the ...r or more in a poor light. ...only spin of the day was ... by Johnson, for Kent, and ... for Northamptonshire, each ... few overs of off-breaks. ... fielding came from WR... ...d Lamb, a South African, ...ll men on boundary patrol. ...ost exciting innings, I ... was Tavaré's. There were ...s when he reminded me of ...g Peter May, slightly in ...ace but more so in the ... strikes the ball. This is ... burden him by saying he ...'s class, even potentially. ... comparison is not lightly ...

... time Tavaré was bowled ...z, after adding 51 in 10 ...th Asif. Kent needed 64 ...ers. In getting them, they ...ham and Shepherd, both ... and if Rowe had been ...t leg-before first ball, as ...y must have been, they ...ave had a more desperate ... than they did.

... was, 23 off the last five ... off the last three, 10 off ... two and five off the last. ...in the scope of Asif and ... Outwardly, at any rate, ... more unconcerned by the ...od the nearness of it all ...one, although without him ...uld probably have lost.

... reached 170 for three at ...f 41 overs, Northampton... finishing score fell some ...rt of fulfilment. For a ... each 300 in these one-day ...someone generally has to ... hundred. Willey came nearest to it and it was his dismissal, bowled by a ball from Underwood that turned, that kept Northamptonshire within Kent's reach. If this was the most important wicket that Kent took, the best of their bowlers was not Underwood, but Shepherd. There seems no end to the contribution Shepherd makes to Kent's cricket.

Willey played beautifully, making 77 in 32 overs and crashing the ball around. Cook and Larkins are very much among the better opening pairs. The selectors have an eye on Larkins, though yesterday Cook batted as well and made more. All through the morning Kent must have been worried by the ease and competence with which Northamptonshire were making runs.

For the second wicket, Cook and Willey added 79 in 17 overs and when Cook was bowled by Asif, attempting something too exotic, Yardley came and found gaps in the covers. Jarvis's first four overs cost 14 runs, not including three successive wides. From Underwood's first six overs, 34 were scored.

But, in the 46th over, Willey was beaten by Underwood and, in the 53rd, Yardley drove Woolmer to extra cover and the last seven overs of Northamptonshire's innings produced only 27 runs, the last three only five. Shepherd had more to do with this than any spectacular catching or fielding.

Kent, for once, looked ordinary in the field and they are not overblessed with bowling. But their batsmen were soon doing their stuff, without needing to hurry ni the way that had at one time seemed likely.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

*G. Cook, b Asif	56
W. Larkins, c and b Shepherd	34
P. Willey, b Underwood	77
A. J. Lamb, c and b Johnson	5
†T. J. Yardley, c Shepherd, b Woolmer	35
D. S. Steele, c Underwood, b Shepherd	14
Sarfraz Nawaz, c Shepherd, b Jarvis	10
R. G. Williams, b Shepherd	11
T. M. Lamb, b Shepherd	5
L. M. Richards, not out	1
Extras (b 5, lb 6, w 5, n-b 1)	16
Total (9 wkts, 1ms closed)	248

B. J. Griffiths did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—43, 2—129, 3—158, 4—197, 5—221, 6—225, 7—242, 8—245, 9—248.

BOWLING: Jarvis, 12—1—39—1; Shepherd, 12—1—58—4; Woolmer, 12—0—59—1; Underwood, 12—1—64—1; Asif, 7—0—25—1; Johnson, 8—0—52—1.

KENT

R. A. Woolmer, c Yardley, b Larkins	23
G. W. Johnson, b Richards	76
C. J. Tavaré, b Sarfraz	64
Asif Iqbal, not out	33
†A. G. E. Ealham, b Sarfraz	12
J. H. Shepherd, l-b-w, b T. Lamb	7
C. J. C. Rowe, not out	16
Extras (b 5, l-b 13, w 1)	17
Total (5 wkts, 59.5 overs)	249

C. S. Cowdrey, D. L. Underwood, I. P. R. Downton and R. B. S. Jarvis did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—80, 2—134, 3—195, 4—200, 5—214.

Umpires: A. G. T. Whitehead and F. R. Goodall.



Roope dives in vain to stop Gooch scoring a four off Jackman.

Surrey may be left empty-handed

By Jerome Caminada

COLCHESTER: Surrey, with six wickets in hand, need 140 runs in 23 overs to beat Essex.

Essex deserve to win this second round Gillette Cup match. They batted, bowled, and fielded as resolutely yesterday as in their recent county championship victories.

Surrey, batting second, were faced by a total of 268. The first four batsmen they sent out were all left handed, and all were dismissed in the same way—leg before. That unusual statistic added to the interest of the day, and under thickening cloud, the visitors did not look like matching the Essex rate of scoring.

They required 27 overs to reach 100, and were 115 after half the 60 overs each side is allowed. Their innings began at 3.50; tea was taken at 5.15; and the umpires took the players off the field at 6.10.

The Essex innings of 268 for nine lasted three hours 50 minutes off the full 60 overs. Fletcher had won the toss and chose to bat under an overcast sky. An unfriendly wind blew fitfully across the ground all day, but could not depress the spectators, who occupied every chair and bench and noisily filled the host tents.

At 11 o'clock Denness was accompanied to the wicket by Gooch, in his floppy, white hat, and both wasted no time in reading the minutes. Denness brought up 50 for his team with a drive through the covers in the 13th over, but almost immediately, on the stroke of midday, Gooch was leg before to Knight, the Surrey captain, bowling at medium pace.

In came McEwan, a South African, who with his fluency proceeded to make even the remarkable Denness seem for a time to be a slouch. His bat seemed to be red hot. Thomas, Surrey's left-arm fast bowler, was his particular delight, and after taking a six off that bowler, he carried the total past 100 in the 22nd over with a straight boundary.

Turning his attention then to Pocock, from the public end, McEwan pulled him for four, and then whacked a high six almost into the press tent, thus disturbing there some deathless prose. But Pocock had the last word, for he at once bowled McEwan off his pads. In 10 overs and 35 minutes, McEwan had hit 52 out of 64, including six fours and two sixes.

Denness, who had been content to see McEwan take the lead, now pressed on too. He reached his 50 just before lunch, when 150 was marked up for Essex too, but three balls before the break Fletcher was caught behind the wicket off Jackman, another persevering Surrey fast bowler.

When the players came on again, Intikhab and Pocock kept Denness and Hardie quiet for a time, with slow guile. But only for a time. Denness sent Intikhab over the leg boundary, and a stream of fours followed, interlaced with quick singles. Hardly a fielder was posted within 20 yards of the batsmen.

When 66 had been added, Hardie lofted Wilson to Thomas at Mid-on, having scored 43, including six fours and one six. Then Denness spooned a ball from Pocock to Edrich at mid-off, and left the field with 71 to his name. In four innings since Saturday, he had collected 370 runs. The score was 216 still, but the tail-enders flourished well enough to add 52 more.

ESSEX

M. H. Denness, c Edrich, b Pocock	71
G. A. Gooch, l-b-w, b Knight	33
K. S. McEwan, b Pocock	52
*K. W. R. Fletcher, c Richards, b Jackman	9
B. R. Hardie, c Thomas, b Wilson	43
K. R. Pont, b Jackman	14
N. Phillip, b Wilson	0
S. Turner, c Roope, b Wilson	11
R. E. East, not out	8
N. Smith, c Knight, b Thomas	7
J. K. Lever, not out	3
Extras (b 2, l-b 11, w 6, n-b 1)	30
Total (9 wkts, 1ms closed)	268

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—54, 2—118, 3—150, 4—216, 5—216, 6—221, 7—230, 8—254, 9—260.

BOWLING: Jackman, 12—0—32—2; Thomas, 9—0—47—1; Wilson, 12—0—56—3; Knight, 8—0—32—1; Pocock, 11—0—45—2; Intikhab, 7—0—33—0.

SURREY

J. H. Edrich, l-b-w, b Lever	33
A. R. Butcher, l-b-w, b Phillip	32
Younis Ahmed, l-b-w, b Pont	14
†R. D. V. Knight, l-b-w, b Phillip	29
G. R. J. Roope, not out	36
Intikhab Alam, not out	2
Extras (l-b 8, w 1, n-b 1)	10
Total (4 wkts, 37 overs)	129

P. D. Jackman, *C. J. Richards, D. J. Thomas, P. H. Wilson and P. I. Pocock to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—58, 2—98, 3—98, 4—116.

Umpires: R. Aspinall and C. G. Pepper.

Ring of confidence about Denning

By Alan Gibson

CARDIFF: Glamorgan, with seven wickets in hand, need 283 runs in 40 overs to beat Somerset.

Alan Jones decided to put Somerset in. It was not, I imagine, that he expected any early help from the pitch—certainly he did not get any—but that any captain might flinch at present from the prospect of Vivian Richards in a run chase. It was a sunny morning, if a little blowy, at Sophia Gardens, and there was a large crowd, a high proportion of which—to judge by the volume and accent of the cheering—came from the south side of Severn.

Rose and Denning made a confident start, without much hurry. Denning had more moments of uncertainty, in the earlier part of his innings, but Rose was the first to go, caught at square leg in the twentieth over. Richards arrived, and now sat expectation in the air. Yet it was not he, but Denning, who dominated the second wicket partnership, the one which really put Glamorgan in the turnbrill. Not that Richards exactly failed. He had passed 50 when he was caught on the square leg boundary. Ontong's second catch. But he had been outscored, during the partnership, a rare experience for him when he is in form.

Somerset, never in much bother, continued to progress vigorously until they had reached 330 for four, in their 60 overs. This is the second highest total ever made in the competition, surpassed only by Hampshire's 371 for four in 1975—also against Glamorgan—when Barry Richards scored a century before lunch, and Greenidge was not far behind him.

Denning made his highest score in any sort of county cricket. He is not quite a boy, 28 years old, Millfield and St Luke's, born at Chewton Mendip, which is just down the road from High Littleton, and has the best ring o'bells in Somerset, unless you count the pub at Priston. I have always liked Denning since he told a fatuous television interviewer that no, he did not expect to play for England, and when pressed for a reason, said amiably: "Because I am not good enough."

But he was good enough for Glamorgan yesterday and though his first class average is only about 26, he has a gift for limited-over cricket. Yesterday provided his fourth man of the match award. He used to be a front foot player, and still is chiefly, but he scores runs nowadays off the back foot as well.

Glamorgan had lost three wickets for 18 runs in 11 overs, when bad light caused the players to take an early tea. Alan Jones was run out, a fine throw by Vivian Richards to the bowler's end. Hopkins was caught at the wicket. Gwyn Richards (goodness, what a lot of Richardses) played on.

After a wait of an hour and a quarter play began again, and Glamorgan, in 29 overs, struggled on to 48, without losing another wicket. Ontong and Swart playing with courage but without much hope. The greyness again prevailed. If Glamorgan are yet to get into the match, someone will have to call their glory from the grey.

As I was leaving the ground, a sad Welshman reminded me that it might have been very different if Denning had been caught at slip in the first over, which he could have been. But Somerset yesterday looked so much the better side that I expect somebody else would have made up for it.

SOMERSET

*B. C. Rose, c Ontong, b Swart	37
†D. W. Denning, run out	145
I. V. A. Richards, c Ontong, b Nash	36
P. M. Roebuck, c Hopkins, b Swart	10
I. T. Botham, not out	38
J. Garner, not out	13
Extras (l-b 6, w 1, n-b 6)	13
Total (4 wkts, 1ms closed)	330

P. A. Slocombe, G. I. Burgess, D. J. S. Taylor, R. F. Jennings and C. H. Dredge did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—70, 2—147, 3—276, 4—276.

BOWLING: Nash, 12—3—44—1; Cordle, 11—1—56—0; Swart, 12—0—71—2; Ontong, 12—0—58—1; Willis, 4—1—32—0; Richards, 6—0—18—0.

GLAMORGAN

*A. Jones, run out	1
J. A. Hopkins, c Taylor, b Dredge	4
R. C. Ontong, not out	14
G. Richards, b Garner	0
P. D. Swart, not out	21
Extras (b 1, lb 3, nb 1)	6
Total (3 wkts, 29 overs)	48

M. J. Llewellyn, M. A. Nash, E. W. Jones, D. A. Francis, A. E. Cordle and A. H. Wilkins to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—9, 2—13, 3—31.

Umpires: A. E. G. Rhodes and W. E. Phillipson.

A frustrating afternoon for Lancashire

MANCHESTER: Lancashire, with nine wickets in hand, need 260 runs in 55 overs to beat Gloucestershire.

Lancashire scored seven for one in reply to Gloucestershire's 266 for five when bad light and rain ruled out further play in their Gillette Cup match at Old Trafford. Gloucestershire, put in to bat, never looked back after Sadiq and Stovold got them off to a flying start with 42 off 13 overs.

Zaheer (73) was in superb form and took full advantage of some loose Lancashire bowling to share in stands of 68 and 58 with Stovold (45) and Procter (34).

Lancashire's hopes flickered briefly in midafternoon when Zaheer and Procter were dismissed in successive overs, but Fost (47) and Shepherd (31 not out) figured in the most entertaining partnership of the day, slamming 80 in 15 overs, to leave Lancashire with a formidable task.

Lancashire, who have never lost to Gloucestershire in six previous Gillette Cup matches, suffered an early blow when Kennedy was out without scoring, with only four on the board. Then there was a series of frustrating stoppages before play was abandoned 45 minutes early.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

A. W. Stovold, b Hughes	45
Sadiq Mohammad, c Hughes, b Ratcliffe	12
Zaheer Abbas, c Simmons, b Hogg	73
M. J. Procter, c Hayes, b Simmons	34
D. R. Shepherd, not out	31
J. C. Foat, c Reidy, b Ratcliffe	47
D. A. Graveney, not out	8
Extras (l-b 10, n-b 5)	15
Total (5 wkts, 1ms closed)	266

P. Bainbridge, B. M. Brain, N. H. Finlin and J. Davey did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—12, 2—110, 3—162, 4—171, 5—251.

BOWLING: Hogg, 12—1—71—1; Ratcliffe 12—3—39—2; Reidy, 12—3—50—0; Simmons, 12—1—46—1; Hughes, 12—3—46—1.

LANCASHIRE

A. Kennedy, c Stovold, b Brain	0
D. Lloyd, not out	7
J. Abrahams, not out	6
Extras	0
Total (1 wkt, 3 overs)	7

*F. C. Hayes, C. H. Lloyd, B. W. Reidy, J. Simmons, D. P. Hughes, J. Lyon, P. M. Ratcliffe and W. Hogg to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1—4.

Umpires: H. D. Bird and B. J. Meyer.

Hampshire are hampered by Balderstone

LEICESTER: Hampshire, with seven wickets in hand, need 168 runs in 39 overs to beat Leicestershire.

Christopher Balderstone prevented Leicestershire tumbling to a low score with a determined 73 in the Gillette Cup tie against Hampshire at Grace Road yesterday. Leicestershire lost three early wickets and were in constant trouble, especially against the pace of Roberts who finished with three for 40.

Balderstone provided the steadying influence and Clift and Steele chipped in with scores in the 30s so that Leicestershire reached 214 for eight. Then Hampshire found themselves in trouble, losing three wickets, including the key ones of Richards and Greenidge, with 37 on the board.

LEICESTERSHIRE

N. F. Briers, c Jesty, b Roberts	0
B. Dudleston, c Gilliat, b Roberts	21
I. P. Butterworth, b Roberts	17
B. Dudleston, c Jesty, b Rice	16
D. J. Gower, c Gilliat, b Tremlett	14
H. W. Tolchard, run out	2
P. B. Clift, b Jesty	43
J. F. Steele, c Stevenson, b Rice	30
†P. Willsworth, not out	10
P. Booth, not out	1
Extras (l-b 5, n-b 4)	9
Total (8 wkts, 1ms closed)	214

L. B. Taylor did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—0, 2—27, 3—38, 4—77, 5—83, 6—155, 7—180, 8—213.

BOWLING: Roberts, 12—3—40—3; Stevenson, 8—1—26—0; Tremlett, 12—4—30—1; Rice, 10—0—41—2; Jesty, 8—0—51—1.

HAMPSHIRE

B. A. Richards, run out	16
C. G. Greenidge, b Taylor	5
J. M. Rice, b Taylor	11
D. R. Turner, not out	4
T. E. Jesty, not out	7
Extras (lb 1, w 1, n-b 1)	3
Total (3 wkts, 21 overs)	49

N. G. Cowley, †R. M. C. Gilliat, T. M. Tremlett, A. M. E. Roberts, G. R. Stephenson and K. Stevenson to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—6, 2—32, 3—37.

Umpires: D. J. Halfyard and J. Van Geloven.

Draw now on Friday

The draw for the third round of the Gillette Cup due to have been held at Lord's today has been postponed until Friday (9.30 am).

Rice leads a Nottinghamshire recovery

BRADFORD: Yorkshire, with all their wickets in hand, need 193 runs in 46 overs to beat Nottinghamshire.

Yorkshire replied with 34 without loss off 14 overs to a Nottinghamshire score of 325 for seven before the last of five interruptions by rain forced their cup tie to be continued today.

Nottinghamshire recovered impressively from the loss of their first pair for 10 and the South African, Clive Rice, played a major part in the rally with 71 (eight fours).

Tunnicliffe added an unbeaten 53 in 17 overs after Birch had helped Rice to add 74 in 20 overs for the fourth wicket.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

P. A. Todd, l-b-w, b Stevenson	6
M. J. Harris, c Barrslow, b Oldham	2
D. W. Randall, c and b Cooper	3
C. E. B. Rice, c Boycott, b Stevenson	71
J. D. Birch, c Athey, b Stevenson	32
*M. J. Smedley, c Boycott, b Sidebottom	5
H. T. Tunnicliffe, not out	53
W. K. Watson, b Oldham	5
†R. N. French, not out	1
Extras (b 2, l-b 14, w 3)	19
Total (7 wkts, 1ms closed)	225

K. S. Macmillan and B. Stead did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—10, 2—10, 3—47, 4—116, 5—131, 6—188, 7—203.

BOWLING: Oldham, 12—3—42—2; Stevenson, 12—5—41—3; Cooper, 11—2—43—1; Sidebottom, 10—3—46—1; Garrick, 12—0—34—0; Athey, 1—0—2—0.

YORKSHIRE

G. Boycott, not out	18
R. G. Lumb, not out	15
Extras (n-b 1)	1
Total (no wkt, 14 overs)	34

C. W. J. Athey, J. H. Hampshire, C. Johnson, D. L. Bairstow, P. Carrick, A. Sidebottom, G. B. Stevenson, H. P. Cooper and S. Oldham to bat.

Umpires: D. O. Oslear and R. T. Wilson.

Peter Lee out

Peter Lee, the Lancashire pace bowler who has not played since the opening match of the season when he suffered an injured shoulder, has had a successful operation but will not play again this summer.

Nothing but rain in Middlesex's way

By Richard Streeton

DERBY: Derbyshire with four wickets in hand, need 161 runs in 35 overs to beat Middlesex.

Derbyshire were 89 for six from 25 overs against Middlesex, the Gillette Cup holders, in attempting to score 200 to win yesterday. Rain at 4.45 eventually left the official outcome to be settled until today or tomorrow, but the formalities should not take long. Derbyshire, it transpired, were not good enough. They batted not badly, but atrociously, although their performance will not necessarily lead to a poor Benson and Hedges final at Lord's on Saturday.

When Middlesex reached 199 in overcast conditions on a slow pitch that tended to help seam bowling, the feeling was that they had failed to score enough, remembering Derbyshire's earlier success in a fluctuating Benson and Hedges match between the two sides on the same wicket. Only when Daniel and Selvey each took a wicket in their first over did Derbyshire's task assume difficult proportions.

Daniel was likely to make a decisive thrust. The atrocious light made it tactful for Brearley to bowl him initially for only four overs. By then the damage was done. Barlow, the Derbyshire captain and the inspirational force in recent years, had already accomplished more than could have been expected from him.

He opened the bowling with Hendrick in the absence of Tunnicliffe, who had torn muscles in his side and is a doubtful starter for Lord's. Barlow also opened the batting in place of Borrington, missing with a broken wrist but whose plaster comes off today.

Daniel's first ball brought a leg bye. Barlow shaped to play the second to midwicket but the pace beat him and he was leg-before. Off the last ball of Selvey's opening over, Kirsten played back and was also leg-before. Kirsten had earlier made his mark as a bowler in spite of dislocating a finger in the closing stages at Worcester on Tuesday. South Africans remain the outstanding competitors in tough situations in county cricket.

Miller, the one Derbyshire player with the ability, possibly, to tilt the match, was out in the eleventh over with the score on 23. An aggressive stroke, inspired by misjudgment of the ball's behaviour through the air, brought Gould a stumping success at the second attempt. Harvey-Walker was bowled groping forward myopically. Cartwright, similarly, departed after he tried to work the ball to the leg side.

When Graham-Browne gave a low return catch to Edmonds, the match was over, irrespective of how long the weather or the tail-enders delayed it. Barlow, to his credit, had no excuses for his side. He also stressed that not too much should be read into what might happen on Saturday. I, for one, am willing to believe him.

MIDDLESEX

M. J. Smith, c Taylor, b Hendrick	18
*J. M. Brearley, l-b-w, b Barlow	6
G. D. Radley, st Taylor, b Russell	53
C. T. Radley, c Hendrick, b Miller	33
†I. J. Gould, c Hill, b Hendrick	58
M. W. Gatting, b Kirsten	11
P. H. Edmonds, b Barlow	0
J. E. Emburey, run out	1
M. A. Selvey, c Harvey-Walker, b Barlow	14
W. W. Daniel, not out	1
Extras (l-b 12, w 2)	14
Total (59.2 overs)	199

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—23, 2—39, 3—81, 4—130, 5—157, 6—157, 7—163, 8—172, 9—193, 10—199.

BOWLING: Hendrick, 12—3—36—3; Barlow, 11.2—1—47—3; Miller, 12—5—21—1; Russell, 12—0—46—1; Kirsten, 12—0—46—2.

DERBYSHIRE

A. Hill, not out	22
E. J. Barlow, l-b-w, b Daniel	0
P. N. Kirsten, l-b-w, b Selvey	0
G. Miller, st Gould, b Emburey	10
A. J. Harvey-Walker, Emburey	5
†H. Cartwright, b Edmonds	0
J. M. H. Graham-Browne, c and b Edmonds	1
J. Walters, not out	2
Extras (l-b 2)	2
Total (6 wkts, 25 overs)	39

*R. W. Taylor, P. E. Russell and M. Hendrick to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—1, 2—2, 3—25, 4—27, 5—28, 6—39.

Umpires: A. Jepson and J. G. Langridge.

Yorkshire to discuss slow batting today

Yorkshire's committee is to meet today, to decide what action to take after Monday's slow batting against Northamptonshire. John Hampshire, Yorkshire's vice-captain, and Colin Johnson scored only 11 runs in the last 10 overs of Yorkshire's first innings, squandering a batting bonus point which could prove costly as the county makes its challenge for the championship title.

Hampshire, who has led Yorkshire to several victories in Boycott's absence this season, made four scoring strokes from 59 balls during the stand. Earlier Boycott had spent more than five hours over a century.

The club president, Sir Kenneth Parkinson, and a selector, Billy Sutcliffe, were at Northampton on Monday and saw Yorkshire finish two runs behind on first innings, even though they had lost only three wickets.

The match ended as a draw, with Hampshire hitting an unbeaten 38 in Yorkshire's second innings.

Scotland v N. Zealand

AT DUNDEE

SCOTLAND: First Innings

A. Brown, c Thomson, b Collinge	7
J. R. Laing, b Thomson	20
T. B. Faulconer, c Edgar, b Thomson	5
D. E. R. Stewart, c Anderson, b Thomson	1
C. J. Warner, c Burgess, b Thomson	28
A. Steele, l-b-w, b Collinge	29
F. Robertson, c Hadlee, b Collinge	13
*G. F. Goddard, c Edwards, b Boock	20
J. Kerr, c Anderson, b Boock	50
P. A. Rhind, not out	3
T. J. McPherson, l-b-w, b McIntyre	1
Extras (l-b 11)	3
Total	190

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—10, 2—33, 3—34, 4—34, 5—78, 6—104, 7—103, 8—173, 9—186, 10—190.

BOWLING: Collinge, 16—2—43—3; Thomson, 21—7—42—3; McIntyre, 22.1—11—43—1; Boock, 17—2—57—2.

NEW ZEALANDERS: First Innings

J. G. Wright, c Brown, b Rhind	7
B. W. Anderson, not out	86
B. A. Edgar, not out	60
Extras	0
Total (1 wkt)	153

*M. G. Burgess, B. E. Congdon, R. J. Hadlee, G. N. Edwards, J. M. McIntyre, R. Collinge, G. E. Thomson and S. L. Boock to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—11.

Umpires: T. Bertram and C. Cormack.

Minor counties

BIRKENHEAD: Northumberland, 174 for 4 dec (K. Pearson 68); Cheshire, 103 for 7 (A. Brown 4 for 25).

CAMBRIDGE: Suffolk, 215 for 7 dec (B. F. Hazell 79 not out, J. P. Stuck 62; H. C. Latchman 3 for 70) and 31 for no wkt. Cambridgeshire, 136 (R. N. S. Hobbs 6 for 56).

Football

Haslam pays record fee for Argentine

Sheffield United, of the second division, yesterday joined Tottenham Hotspur in the Argentine transfer market by signing Alejandro Sabella for a club record fee of around £160,000. Harry Haslam, the United manager, is expected to arrive back in England today with Sabella after almost two weeks of negotiations. Sabella, aged 23, has been capped 20 times, and plays in midfield for River Plate, where the World Cup Final was played.

Mr Haslam has also signed Antonio Rattin, a former Argentine captain, as full-time South American scout for the club. Rattin was sent off in a controversial England-Argentina match in the 1966 World Cup at Wembley.

Sabella is the third Argentine to join English clubs since the World Cup last month, Tottenham having signed Ardiles and Villa for a reported £775,000. He is a married man with no children and is keen to try his luck in the Football League.

Before flying home, Mr Haslam said by telephone from Buenos Aires: "He will be a very useful attribute to the club. I have seen him play and he has a lot of skill and flair. I think he can fit in well at Bramall Lane." Sabella was in the Argentine World Cup shadow team, but did not play in any cup games.

James Smith, the Birmingham City manager, confirmed yesterday that he had made an approach to Queen's Park Rangers about their Irish international, Don Givens, and that the clubs have agreed a fee of £150,000. Mr Smith has to see the player to discuss his terms and find out if he is prepared to leave London.

Bristol City will discipline Gerry Gow, who failed to report for training this week, and was absent yesterday when Alan Dicks and his players flew to Sweden for a 10-day four-match tour. Gow is in dispute over a new contract.

Gow has been offered a better deal which puts him in the £20,000 a year bracket for the next six seasons. The problem is his demand for a £10,000 signing-on fee.

Mr Dicks said that he had made an inquiry for Gerry Francis, of Queen's Park Rangers. "If Francis is fit again, he would be a tremendous asset to us". He said that if Francis's proposed move to Manchester City did not go through, he would probably make an offer.

Francis has no immediate plans to travel to Manchester this week for talks with officials at Maine Road. Tony Book made this clear yesterday, although admitting that Rangers and City had agreed terms for a £300,000 transfer. Francis wants to finish a two-week fitness schedule this weekend in London.

Tennis

Jarrett plays his finest match against USSR

Andrew Jarrett played the match of his life to scrape a 3—2 win for Britain against Russia in their zone semi-final in the Galea Cup Under-21 world team championship at Bournemouth yesterday.

With the outcome of the two-day match depending on his concluding singles, 20-year-old Jarrett, the British No 1, defeated Russia's second string, Alex Zaloujney, 7—5, 7—5, in 92 minutes—after trailing 1—5 and bravely fighting off five set points within half an hour of the start.

The delighted British team manager, Paul Hutchins, said afterwards, "I was beginning to think there was nothing we could do. The Russian had played superbly at the start but then Andrew, who is becoming a really good player on clay, played a good pressure match".

Hutchins had every reason to be pleased with the young Derbyshire player who had had a hard time over the first half dozen games. After leading 40—love in the opening game, Jarrett picked up only four points as Zaloujney took the first four games.

But despite this Jarrett stuck to a difficult task and his hard work was well rewarded. With the Russian steadily losing both his control and his nerve, Jarrett transformed the match with an amazing nine winning games in a row, saving three set points at 3—5 and then another two a game later. But even though he led 3—0 up in the second set, Jarrett was hauled back to 3—3 after a fifth game of many long rallies had gone to five deuces. The Russian, however, was never the same attacking force as in the early part of the match and Jarrett snatched victory for his side with another service break in the twelfth game.

BAASTAD, SWEDEN: B. Borg beat A. Giammalva (US), 6—1, 6—0; L. Sanders (Netherlands) beat F. Jaunlin (France), 6—2, 6—1; R. Carmichael (Australia) beat P. Larsson (Sweden), 6—3, 6—2; C. Baraguti (Italy) beat D. Pain (Sweden), 6—4, 6—3; J. Smith (GB) beat A. Gimenez (Spain), 6—0, 3—6, 6—2.

MONTECATINI: Galea Cup, semi-final round: Italy lead the Netherlands, 2—1; France lead Belgium, 2—1.

PRAGUE: Galea Cup, semi-final round: Czechoslovakia lead W Germany, 3—0; Argentina lead Yugoslavia, 2—0.

WASHINGTON: B. Gottfried beat T. McNair, 7—5, 6—1; E. Dibbs beat J. Sadri (US), 6—4, 6—1; R. Ramirez (Mexico) beat W. Martin (GB), 6—2, 6—4; M. Orantes (Spain) beat C. Freyss (France), 6—3, 6—2; H. Solomon (US) beat Ismail El Shafei (Egypt), 6—2, 6—1; P. Kronk (Australia) beat A. Behncur (Bolivia), 7—5, 6—0; N. Rosewall (Australia) beat J. James (Australia), 6—2, 6—2; J. McEnroe (US) beat R. Lopez (Spain) beat C. Stansbury (US), 7—6, 6—1; A. Ashe (US) beat R. Van't Hof (US), 7—6, 7—6; P. Dent (Australia) beat R. Fagel (US), 7—5, 7—6, 6—2.

STUTTGART: R. Proloux (Chile) beat L. Alvarez (Argentina), 6—2; E. Deblicker (France) beat P. Feigl (Austria), 1—6, 6—2, 6—4; K. Warwick (Australia) beat Rul Thung (Netherlands), 6—4, 6—3; L. Eberhard (W. Germany) beat R. Lewis (GB), 6—1, 6—1; P. Huba (Czechoslovakia) beat J. Grabal (Czechoslovakia), 6—4, 3—6, 6—4; C. Kirkhurst (Brazil) beat V. Zednik (Czechoslovakia), 6—3, 7—6; U. Pfaner (W Germany) beat Z. Ivancic (W Germany), 7—6, 6—3; C. Mottram (GB) beat N. Pilic (Yugoslavia), 5—7, 6—3, 6—1.

NEW MALDEN: Clark Cup: Third round: Millfield beat King's, Peterborough, 2—1; Hymers beat High Wycombe, 3—1; Bosworth beat Lancing, 2—0; Slough beat Reading, 2—1; Sherborne beat St George's, 2—1; St Paul's beat Woodhouse Grove, 2—0; UCS beat Merchant Taylors', 2—0; Hindsear beat Westminster, 2—0. Four round: Millfield beat Hymers, 2—0; Slough beat Bosworth, 2—1; St Paul's beat Sherborne, 3—0; Windsor beat UCS, 2—0.

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SPORT

Racing

Wildenstein calls in Cecil after parting company with Walwyn

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

The row between Daniel Wildenstein and his trainer, Peter Walwyn, which has been simmering beneath the surface ever since Royal Ascot, finally erupted yesterday when Walwyn announced that he had instructed Mr Wildenstein to remove all his horses from his yard as soon as possible. Earlier in the season everything was rosy in the garden as Walwyn hailed Mr Wildenstein's decision to send 25 horses to be trained in this country as a great boost for English racing, and Mr Wildenstein was seen gripping his hand in the winner's enclosure at Epsom, after Crow had won the Coronation Cup, congratulating him on a fine feat of training.

Walwyn had also won the Prix du Cadran, which is the French equivalent of our Gold Cup for the millionaire international art dealer for the second time with Buckskin, who had been a nightmare to train because of his dodgy feet. Things began to go sour when Buckskin could finish only fourth in the Gold Cup at Ascot, where Wildenstein shocked a knowledgeable audience by saying that he thought that our champion jockey, Patrick Eddery, had ridden Buckskin badly, and that either Lester Piggott or Yves Saint-Martin would have won on the horse. Yet it seemed clear to everyone except Mr Wildenstein that Buckskin was never at ease on ground that was much firmer than he cares for; that he was changing his legs repeatedly and never going well enough to win.

Both at the time and the following day Mr Wildenstein was widely castigated for being a bad loser, and for an appalling display of manners, yet he persisted in saying that he did not want Eddery to ever ride Buckskin again.

More recently he aggravated things by saying that Saint Martin would ride Crow if he ran in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot on Saturday. Obviously matters were not exactly improved when Walwyn had to tell his owner that Crow would not be able to run at Ascot after all, because a tendon, which had given cause for anxiety all season, had finally become inflamed and filled. And relations between the two men were made even worse yesterday when Pathfinder returned home sore after winning his fourth race in a row at Folkestone on Tuesday. Everything finally came to a head yesterday and Walwyn issued the following statement:

"I learnt from Weatherby's this morning that Mr Wildenstein has cancelled my authority to act on his behalf. As a result I have asked him to remove his horses immediately. Although I am sorry to lose some of the horses, I would be glad to help the new trainer in any way."

Walwyn is the only man to have trained more than 100 winners on the flat in a season here three years in succession. He is recognized as a great professional. More than that, he is a man of principle. He has always said, on many occasions in my hearing, that a trainer should stand by his jockey and he is not one to shirk from that commitment. To do so would be abandoning a lifetime of ideals. He took Eddery on as his stable jockey when the young Irishman was still an apprentice, and he has seen him become our champion jockey four years in a row, a feat achieved by only Sir Gordon Richards and Lester Piggott in the past 50 years. If between them Walwyn and Eddery are not good enough for Mr Wildenstein, I know not who are. What is already clear is that Walwyn will be praised throughout the length and breadth of this country for his courageous stand.

Mr Wildenstein has asked Henry Cecil to take over the training of those horses that have been in Walwyn's care at Seven Barrows. Walwyn said that he wished Cecil all possible luck and that he was welcome to both Mr Wildenstein and his horses. Yesterday afternoon Cecil was already on his way to Paris to discuss the matter with Mr Wildenstein. Mr Wildenstein was not available for comment.

STATE OF GOING (official): Hamilton Park: Firm. Great Yarmouth: Good to firm. Sandown Park: Good to firm. Tomorrow: Ayr: Good (watering). Ascot: Firm (to be watered if no overnight rain).

Camacho is unsure of Sockburn's chances

By Michael Seely

Sockburn and Kevin Darley earned themselves a likely return visit to Redcar for next Wednesday's Vaux Breweries' Gold Tankard when capturing the Petty Officer Handicap at the seaside course yesterday. Maurice Camacho said after the race: "The owners are keen to have a crack at the Gold Tankard as they live so close to the track. But I would like to think it over. Basically Sockburn needs two miles and a strongly run race."

Over yesterday's mile and three-quarters no one was eager to set the gallop. So Darley had to make all his own running. The pair shook off High Hills early in the straight. Geminiani then launched a challenge two furlongs from home. Then Sockburn showed his mettle. Lengthening his stride in decisive fashion the four-year-old battled on to win by half a length. High Hills finished 10 lengths away third.

Sockburn is a better horse than the result indicated. As his trainer said: "This is a bone idle horse who only does just enough to win." And if Sockburn takes his place in next Wednesday's line-up the gelding is going to take some beating. He was bred by his joint owners, Harry and Ronald Roberts. Sockburn's dam, Blue Bird, won four races for the Roberts and for the late Charlie Hall, Camarcho's predecessor at Tadcaster. The nearest the stable have come to winning the Vaux was when Retrial was beaten a neck by Petty Officer in the early 1970s. Petty Officer had the remarkable record of winning two Vaux Gold Tankards and three Gold Trophies on this course.

This time last year Darley was without a success to his credit, but now has 50 winners, 39 of them this season. This victory yesterday was his only one of the day. In the Moorsholm Handicap Darley rode Nice Touch for his master, Reg Hollinshead, and was beaten into second place by Bill Watts's Skhiza, who started joint favourite at 6 to 5. Skhiza must have given the winning jockey, 18-year-old Alan Mercer, some alarming moments. As the field swung into the straight Skhiza cocked his jaw and refused to round the turn thereby coming right over to the stands rail. This involuntary manoeuvre was nevertheless, successful as it was soon obvious that Skhiza was clear of his rivals. Galloping on strongly the three-year-old beat Nice Touch by six lengths. Mercer owed Watts a victory, as two hours earlier when riding Junior Belle for Jimmy Fitzgerald in the Liverton Handicap the apprentice had administered a half length's beating to Watts's stable jockey, Lowe, on Habberight.

Michael Stoute's two-year-old string continued in fine form when Top Call just got the better of Runcorn Ferry and Top of the Charts in the Lighthorpe Stakes. Top Call was outpaced in the early stages but the High Top filly's stamina told in the final furlong and she won goin gaway by half a length. The Newmarket trainer has saddled three two-year-old winners this week. Two easy odds-on winners were Tweedhill and Skimwit. Lowe partnered Tweedhill to a clever length's victory over Regency Elite in the Go Racing in Yorkshire Trainers' Trophy.

Adam said that Regency Elite would return to Redcar on August 5 for the William Hill Gold Cup. Skimwit also gained a comfortable win for Christopher Thornton and Ernie Johnson in the Flying Thorpe Auction Stakes. Thornton said that the reports about Swimwit working as well as a Lowther Stakes prospect. Sweet and Lovely, were only partially correct. "Skimwit did finish upsides Sweet and Lovely in a gallop", the Middleham trainer said, "but Sweet and Lovely was short of work at the time".

At Great Yarmouth today Henry Cecil's Busted colt, Buckland, is a confident selection to win the High Steward Stakes. Buckland got into trouble when favourite for a maiden race at Sandown Park this month. The colt finished third but was disqualified for interference. There seems nothing to prevent this well-bred two-year-old from making amends today. And finally Bruce Hobbs' three-year-old filly, Sideshow, may prove too good for Whirlow Green and Parengeta in the Little and Large Handicap.

Rimosa's Pet proved herself a useful filly when landing yesterday's Jellico Stakes at Great Yarmouth in which she comfortably accounted for the much heralded newcomer Formulate.

It was clear two furlongs out that the 11-8 on favourite, Formulate, running very green, was not going to justify her home reputation.

Horse show

After 10 long years the Bradley aim achieved

By Pamela MacGregor-Morris

After ten frustrating years of effort, Caroline Bradley finally achieved one of her ambitions by winning the Queen Elizabeth II Cup yesterday. Last year, Elizabeth Edgard confessed that she had taken 16 years to realize this particular ambition.

A year ago, when Miss Bradley and the Dutch-bred stallion Mairus were runners up for the coveted ladies championship, it was a moot point whether he would ever compete again for John Harding, his owner, had virtually decided to confine hi mto stud. But Miss Bradwley was worried that he would become very bored during nine months of the year, and it was decided to give him a reprieve with the happiest results.

Although not quite 15.2 hands high, he is a veritable multum in parvo and a tremendous character. His nearest rival was the Australian Manuel, ridden by Dianne Dawson, who incurred half a time fault for being five seconds over the limit.

The Hunters came to London yesterday, fresh from the East of England show on Tuesday, when Bunowen added the champion of England Gold Cup to the Horse and Hound Cup which he won at the Royal two weeks ago. Here the judges were Ted Davies and Captain Michael Naylor-Leyland, and they preferred Lady Zinnia Pollock's Swanbourne, a bay Irish horse who has already given Bunowen a run for his money at the Royal and was champion at last week's Great Yorkshire Show.

The middleweights were led by Robert Oliver on Dual Gold, the outstanding middleweight of the year, who got the better of his only serious rival, Crown Court, shown by Ruth McMullen.

Derek Ricketts won the Godfrey Davis Puissance on Tuesday night riding Mr and Mrs Hill's Denham Hills, who alone cleared the big red wall at 6ft 10in. Fred Welch was runner-up on Rossmore II, owned by Mrs Norah Leppard, who won at Olympia last December.



Caroline Bradley . . . a reprieve with the happie[s]

Captain Mark Phillips, on Trevor Banks's 1972 Olympic horse Hideaway, shared third place with Eddie Macken on the young Irish horse, Hunter's Walk, and Paddy McMahon on Mrs Redbart's Red Sea Serpent. Harvey Smith and Sanyo Hi-Fi (Graf) had the wall down in the second round and took no further part.

David Broome had his first victory of the week in the Moss Bros Stakes, riding Sportsman, before Sarah Whitmore, on Archipel, divided the Taylor Woodrow midsummer dressage championship with David Hunt, on Mrs Pfleuger's Hanalei Day. Then Catheryn Cooper won the Addison Tools pony championship for the fourth successive year on Holly of Spring, who put up the show of her career to defeat all her opponents.

Finally, with Fred ... their mascot—"He was man long before he to[ok up] jumping", Mrs Fra[n] said—she won the Fam[ous] coaching championship team of bay hackneys also competed with world championship driving events.

MOSS BROS CHAMPI[ONSHIP]: Harris Carpets' Sportsm[an] Darragh's Heather Honey G. Fletcher's Cool Custom

QUEEN ELIZABETH II C[UP]: C. Bradley's Mairus; Dawson's Manuel, equal Chapman's China Too, Mrs Ladies' Man.

TALBOT - PONSONBY STAKES: 1, M. Pyrah's F. Welch's Blossom H Fletcher's Buttevant Boy.

FRANKLIN MINT LT[D]: Tr's Dressage champion 1 R Meade's Bleak H Buxton's Special Constable 439 points; 3, Mrs T. Roddam's Just So, 436.

Fillies premium scheme to include three-year-olds

By Michael Phillips

A 92 per cent increase in the allocation to the fillies premium scheme and larger prizes for steeplechasers are the main features of the 1979 prize money scheme, announced yesterday by Sir Desmond Plummer, the chairman of the Horserace Betting Levy Board. The board's contribution next year will go up by £926,800 to £9,377,450, an increase of 11 per cent. Of this sum, a total of £1,048,000 will be distributed by way of daily grants as an incentive to racecourses to stage meetings on the less popular days.

Other features of the scheme, which has already been endorsed by the stewards of the Jockey Club, include 10 per cent increases for pattern races and special feature races at Ayr, Haydock Park and Newcastle, 9.4 per cent increases in the basic daily rate for flat racing on group one and two courses and increases of between 15.7 per cent and 5.2 per cent in the basic daily rate for the four groups of National Hunt courses.

Introduced in 1978 to give confidence to the breeding industry in Britain and to stimulate the yearling market for British bred and raised fillies, the premium scheme is confined at present to two-year-olds.

Tribal Warrior much harder to beat this time

By Michael Phillips

There will be three challengers from Ireland at Sandown Park today for our National Stakes (3.40), but this three-pronged assault should be to no avail if Schweppeshire Lad and Tribal Warrior run up to expectations. It may go against the grain to oppose one so fast and so proven as, Schweppeshire Lad, who has won five of his six races, especially as he finished seven lengths and a half ahead of Tribal Warrior in the Norfolk Stakes

There is every reason to suppose that Tribal Warrior will be much harder to beat this time and he is my selection.

Hamilton Park programme

2.15 CLYDE STAKES (2-y-o : £509 : 5f)
1 00420 Father George, J. Etherington, 8-11 .... M. Birch 8
2 000 Sally Anne's Boy (B), N. Callaghan, 8-11 .. J. Bleasdale 4
3 Wells O'Wearie (B), C. Bell, 8-11 .... S. Perks 6
4 000004 Fabia, M. Cousins, 8-8 .... M. Wigham 3 3
5 0 Mary Maher, J. FitzGerald, 8-8 .... A. Mercer 7 2
6 3340 Pamand, W. C. Watts, 8-8 .... P. Posthill 7 5
9 000 Tessie's Girl (B), A. Balding, 8-8 .... J. Balding 1
10 0 Warrior Lass, D. Yeoman, 8-8 .... — 7
9-4 Sally Anne's Boy, 3-1 Pamand, 4-1 Father George, 5-1 Fabia, 8-1 Mary Maher, 12-1 Wells O'Wearie, 20-1 others.

2.45 HYNDFORD STAKES (2-y-o : £1,044 : 6f)
1 01 *Saintly Princess, G. Hunter, 9-0 .... M. Roberts 5
2 03020 Another Nickel, G. P-Gordon, 8-11 .... J. Lowe 3
3 Beau Blondel, C. Bell, 8-11 .... S. Perks 1
5 00 Light Lad, W. H. Williams, 8-11 .... — 4
6 00 Melodie D'Or, S. Leadbetter, 8-11 .... — 7
8 04300 Firbeck (B), A. Balding, 8-8 .... J. Balding 8
9 0 Mary Millington, N. Callaghan, 8-8 .... M. Wigham 3 2
10 Quick Response, W. H. Williams, 8-8 .... R. Hutchinson 6
5-4 Mary Millington, 100-30 Another Nickel, 5-1 Beau Blondel, 13-2 Light Lad, 10-1 Firbeck, 16-1 others.

3.15 LEE HANDICAP (3-y-o : £1,046 : 6f)
7 021420 Lunar Wind (CD,B), W. H. Williams, 8-6 .. R. Hutchinson 1
10 0-42201 Classy Dame (D), J. W. Watts, 8-4 .... A. Mercer 7 5
11 0310 Migrant (D), M. H. Easterby, 8-2 .... M. Birch 6
12 342-400 Mahe Beach, W. Haigh, 7-10 .... J. Lowe 3
14 0-30040 Marquisette, Denys Smith, 7-8 .... M. Wigham 3 4
16 0-40002 Boxfoot, P. Poston, 7-0 .... S. Matthews 7 2
2-1 Classy Dame, 5-2 Lunar Wind, 7-2 Migrant, 5-1 Marquisette, 14-1 Boxfoot, Mahe Beach.

3.45 TRABROUN STAKES (3-y-o : £1,084 : 1m 40yd)
3 034321 Larryr (B), N. Callaghan, 9-7 .... M. Wigham 3 7
4 0-0001 Shahryar, Denys Smith, 9-7 .... P. Kelleher 5
5 000-001 Tesoro Mio, J. Etherington, 9-7 .... M. Birch 6
6 00013 Citrus Fruit, B. Hills, 9-4 .... P. D'Arcy 7 3
7 030-001 Mylesanne (B), S. Wainwright, 9-4 .... S. Perks 2
9 0 Handsome Blaze, M. Cousins, 9-0 .... M. Mullineaux 7 4
11 400023 Broomfield (B), P. Poston, 8-11 .... — 1
15 00 Leona, B. Hanbury, 8-11 .... C. Nutter 5 9
16 000-400 Wise Company, J. Calvert, 8-11 .... J. Lowe 8
9-4 Larryr, 3-1 Tesoro Mio, 7-2 Citrus Fruit, 4-1 Shahryar, 10-1 Mylesanne, 14-1 Leona, 20-1 others.

4.15 ORBISTON HANDICAP (£968 : 1m 3f)
1 023012 Hot Shot, W. C. Watts, 6-9-7 .... K. Nicholls 7 3
4 000 Lucky Devil (B), M. Salaman, 5-8-9 .... A. Cousins 7
5 0-00000 Phoenix Rose, M. Naughton, 4-8-9 .... M. Wigham 3 5
6 003-040 Regalus, W. H. Williams, 4-8-9 .... E. Apter 6
7 04-0420 Two Bells (C-D), Denys Smith, 6-8-1 .... — 1
8 00000-0 Treble Event (B), J. Calvert, 4-7-13 .... J. Lowe 4
11 040-000 Home Win (B), A. Andrews, 4-7-7 .... A. Mercer 7 2
5-4 Hot Shot, 3-1 Two Bells, 6-1 Lucky Devil, 8-1 Phoenix Rose, Regalus, 20-1 Treble Event, 33-1 Home Win.

4.45 LAMINGTON HANDICAP (£1,002 : 1m 5f)
3 002330 My Wellie, W. C. Watts, 5-9-4 .... K. Nicholls 5 3
4 33u-22 Charlotte Mary, J. Powney, 4-9-0 .... J. Lowe 6
5 30-0224 Laen, Denys Smith, 5-9-0 .... J. Bleasdale 5
6 320444 Golden Apple, P. Asquith, 4-9-0 .... S. Perks 1
7 430-331 Fair Louise, M. W. Easterby, 4-9-0 .... C. Moss 2
11 00-0444 Parallel, M. Prescott, 4-8-4 .... G. Duffield 4
6-4 Fair Louise, 7-2 My Wellie, 4-1 Laen, 6-1 Charlotte Mary, 10-1 Golden Apple, 12-1 Parallel.

* Doubtful runner

Hamilton Park selections

By Our Racing Staff

2.15 Sally Anne's Boy. 2.45 Another Nickel. 3.15 CLASSY DAME is specially recommended. 3.45 Tesoro Mio. 4.15 Hot Shot. 4.45 Fair Louise.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.15 Sally Anne's Boy. 2.45 Another Nickel. 3.45 Larryr. 4.45 Charlotte Mary.

Great Yarmouth programme

2.15 HIGH STEWARD STAKES (2-y-o : £1,072 : 7f)
2 0 Buckland, H. Cecil, 9-0 .... F. Durr 4
4 000 Dawn Preview, D. Dale, 9-0 .... J. Lynch 13
5 303422 English Gem, W. Marshall, 9-0 .... P. Perkins 1
6 0 Fine Scot, J. Walker, 9-0 .... B. Raymond 12
8 300 Haverhill Lad, A. Goodwill, 9-0 .... P. Gunn 5 2
9 0 John Pearl, D. Dale, 9-0 .... M. Fry 7 8
12 00 Lucky Willie, W. Stephenson, 9-0 .... D. Ryan 6
13 00 Mick's Throwout, N. Callaghan, 9-0 .... R. Still 9
14 No No Holdings, H. Cecil, 9-0 .... M. Kettle 10
15 0 Regal Tan, W. O'Gorman, 9-0 .... K. Darley 5 11
17 00 Timmatemma, R. Jarvis, 9-0 .... M. Thomas 14
20 00 Calaretto, G. P-Gordon, 8-11 .... M. Rimmer 7 3
22 Finbay, G. P-Gordon, 8-11 .... E. Eldin 15
23 00 St Alkalda, W. Marshall, 8-11 .... R. Marks 7
4-6 Buckland, 9-2 English Gem, 8-1 No No Holdings, 12-1 Finbay, 14-1 Mick's Throwout, 16-1 Haverhill Lad, 20-1 others.

2.45 FASTOLFF SELLING STAKES (£682 : 6f)
201 00 Bit Bent (B), K. Bridgwater, 4-8-7 .... T. Rogers 10
202 340400- Fast Bowler, J. Winter, 4-8-7 .... M. Wallow 7 6
205 00000 Sovereign Chief (B), Mrs R. Lomax, 4-8-7 .... P. Cook 1
203 33041-0 Miracle Bid (D), M. Ryan, 3-8-3 .... R. Still 2
205 0-03002 Derken, D. Weeden, 3-7-12 .... P. Young 5 7
206 00 Wild Card, G. P-Gordon, 3-7-12 .... J. Lynch 3
207 00-0030 Continental Divide, P. Feilgate, 3-7-9 .... M. Rimmer 7 4
208 00-4020 Current Belle, W. Marshall, 3-7-9 .... — 8
209 0-00400 Ecchinswell Lass, W. Guest, 3-7-9 .... K. Darley 5 5
210 0 Golet Queen, M. Salaman, 3-7-9 .... R. Fox 9
5-2 Derken, 3-1 Miracle Bid, 4-1 Current Belle, 13-2 Fast Bowler, 10-1 Continental Divide, 12-1 Wild Card, 14-1 others.

3.15 LITTLE AND LARGE HANDICAP (£1,592 : 1¼m)
301 1100-00 Donzel, B. Richmond, 4-9-8 .... K. Darley 5 3
302 013133 Sideshow (D), B. Hobbs, 3-9-7 .... C. Rodrigues 5 4
303 000440 Pembi Chase (B,D), J. Powney, 5-8-12 .... J. Lynch 7
304 C00003 Gentleman At Arms (B,C,D), N. Callaghan, 4-8-0 .... M. Thomas 1
306 00-0403 Whirlow Green (B, C, D), J. Winter, 7-7-12 .... M. Kettle 5
309 0-00211 Parangela, R. Hannon, 3-7-7 .... C. Leonard 6
310 201030 Rotingo, A. Dalton, 3-7-7 .... — 2
2-1 Sideshow, 11-4 Parangela, 4-1 Donzel, 5-1 Gentleman At Arms, 7-1 Whirlow Green, 10-1 others.

3.45 CONWAY HANDICAP (3-y-o : £1,190 : 1m 6f)
403 143010 Rate (B), Thomson Jones, 8-12 .... K. Darley 5 1
404 113341 Fata Morgana, D. Weeden, 7-11 .... S. Jarvis 5 4
405 00-002 Chryso Mou (B), W. O'Gorman, 7-8 .... — 3
406 0-00000 Bolacca, W. Marshall, 7-8 .... R. Still 2
11-8 Fata Morgana, 9-4 Rate, 11-4 Chryso Mou, 10-1 Bolacca.

4.15 FRED PAGE HANDICAP (3-y-o : £1,200 : 6f)
501 0300-30 J. E. B. Stuart, R. Armstrong, 9-0 .... F. Durr 1
502 000434 Knight, W. Wharton, 8-7 .... W. Wharton 5 6
503 0100-00 Mrs Bacon, L. Cumani, 8-1 .... P. Cook 3
504 001010 Siltherum (B,D), R. Hannon, 8-0 .... M. Thomas 5
507 0223-00 Silken Swift, D. Weeden, 7-4 .... P. Robinson 7 2
508 1-12020 The Sampson Girls (D), W. Marshall, 7-1 .... R. Still 4
5-1 Knight, 4-1 The Sampson Girls, 9-2 Siltherum, 5-1 J. E. B. Stuart, 6-1 Silken Swift, 7-1 Mrs Bacon.

4.45 FERRIER STAKES (£1,032 : 1m)
602 00-0004 Tanaro, P. Kelleway, 4-9-5 .... — 6
605 0-000 Atrobes, G. P-Gordon, 3-8-8 .... E. Eldin 3
609 00-30 Ivan Ivanovic, L. Cumani, 3-8-8 .... P. Cook 8
610 4300-22 Merci, W. O'Gorman, 3-8-8 .... K. Darley 5 10
611 0 Perla Dorai, R. Jarvis, 3-8-8 .... M. Thomas 2
613 00-0002 Premier Mal (B), J. Powney, 3-8-8 .... J. Lynch 7
615 000-004 Rozaccia, A. Dalton, 3-8-8 .... — 5
616 00-3200 Silver Minstrel, A. Hide, 3-8-8 .... G. Sexton 9
618 0-00000 Tresor d'Or (B), W. O'Gorman, 3-8-8 .... — 12
622 0 Early Morn, H. Cecil, 3-8-5 .... F. Durr 11
634 000 Nuns Lustre, D. Weeden, 3-8-5 .... P. Young 5 1
636 020-000 Sandy May, J. Walker, 3-8-5 .... B. Raymond 4
100-30 Early Morn, 3-1 Merci, 11-2 Ivan Ivanovic, 6-1 Premier Mal, 8-1 Tanaro, 10-1 Atrobes, 12-1 Silver Minstrel, 14-1 others.

Great Yarmouth selections

By Our Racing Staff

2.15 Buckland. 2.45 Ecchinswell Lass. 3.5 Sideshow. 3.45 Fata Morgana. 4.15 Knight. 4.45 Ivan Ivanovic.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.15 Buckland. 2.45 Ecchinswell Lass. 3.15 Sideshow. 3.45 Fata Morgana. 4.15 J.E.B. Stuart. 4.45 Ivan Ivanovic.

Sandown Park programme

[Television (IBA): 2.30, 3.5 and 3.40 races]

2.0 BROOKLANDS HANDICAP (Apprentices: £1,175 : 1¼m)
1 000102 Bell-Tent (CD), W. Wightman, 7-9-10 .... S. Woolley 4
5 2-00021 Chennel Lane (D), W. Holden, 4-8-8 .... A. Fairchild 5 2
6 1-02244 Sovereign's Escort (D), A. Ingham, 4-8-0 .. P. Langirey 5 3
7 2-00000 Swing Through (D), D. Marks, 5-7-12 .... M. Malham 1
4-6 Bell-Tent, 9-4 Chennel Lane, 7-1 Sovereign's Escort, 16-1 Swing Through.

2.30 RAYNES PARK STAKES (2-y-o fillies : £2,180 : 5f)
1 01 Dynamic Mistress (D), D. Kent, 9-1 .... G. Starkey 5
2 0421 Just Married (B,D), J. Tree, 8-12 .... L. Piggott 7
3 1 Slip The Ferret (D), H. Price, 8-12 .... B. Taylor 2
5 0421 Stroakella (B,D), P. Walwyn, 8-12 .... P. Eddery 4
8 00 Memsingh, G. Balding, 8-9 .... R. Weaver 6
9 00 Shagra, D. Whelan, 8-8 .... G. Lewis 10
10 00 Strictly Swing, J. Sutcliffe, 8-8 .... B. Rouse 3
11 40 Winning Shot, I. Balding, 8-8 .... J. Matthias 4
13 Song of Gold, W. Wightman, 8-4 .... E. Hide 1
14 Westerlands Finis, A. Ingham, 8-4 .... A. Bond 8
5-2 Just Married, 3-1 Stroakella, 9-2 Slip the Ferret, 5-1 Dynamic Mistress, 8-1 Winning Shot, 12-1 Strictly Swing, Westerlands Finis, 20-1 others.

3.5 WATNEYS SPECIAL HANDICAP (£1,949 : 1¼m)
1 0-00310 Remezzo (D), C. Brittain, 4-9-9 .... E. Hide 2
2 041334 Marakas (B,D), R. Smyth, 4-8-7 .... G. Lewis 5
3 14-2323 Moonlight Rag (CD), H. Candy, 5-8-2 .. W. Newnes 7 6
4 14133-0 Super Jennie (D), M. Salaman, 5-8-0 .... — 1
5 0-21112 General Carl, B. Hills, 3-7-11 .... E. Johnson 3
6 310410 Indian Mark (C,D), Mrs L. Dingwall, 7-7-7 .. W. Carson 4
13-8 General Carl, 11-4 Remezzo, 4-1 Moonlight Rag, 7-1 Indian Mark, 10-1 Super Jennie, 12-1 Marakas.

3.40 THE NATIONAL STAKES (Group III: 2-y-o : £9,723 : 5f)
1 112111 Schweppeshire Lad (D), M. Stoute, 9-2 .... G. Starkey 3
2 41 Phil's Fancy (D), S. Quirke, 8-13 .... — 1
3 0102 Coalminer (D), M. Kauntze, 8-11 .... W. Carson 4
4 2212 Dafydd (D), D. Sasse, 8-11 .... P. Eddery 5
5 141 Tribal Warrior (D), R. Boss, 8-11 .... L. Piggott 2
6 222012 Superb Lady (D), K. Ivory, 8-8 .... K. Leason 6
7 0112 Flying Saint (D), A. Redmond, 8-5 .... — 7
10-11 Schweppeshire Lad, 7-2 Tribal Warrior, 9-2 Coalminer, 6-1 Phil's Fancy, 10-1 Dafydd, 16-1 others.

4.10 BOW STREET HANDICAP (£2,008 : 7f)
4 212-00 Ahonoora, B. Swift, 5-8-8 .... P. Waldron 4
7 0100 School Road (B,D), B. Hobbs, 4-8-4 .... G. Lewis 3
9 10-0202 Sorebelle (D), G. P-Gordon, 4-7-11 .... W. Carson 1
10 00-0000 Elton Abbess, P. Allingham, 4-7-8 .... — 2
4-7 Sorebelle, 5-2 Ahonoora, 6-1 School Road, 12-1 Elton Abbess.

4.45 HEATH ROW STAKES (3-y-o maidens : £1,853 : 1m)
1 Ahmadi, J. Sutcliffe, 9-0 .... P. Eddery 9
4 000-0 Flash O'Green, R. Jarvis, 9-0 .... B. Taylor 10
5 000030 Happy Hector, C. Brittain, 9-0 .... E. Hide 4
6 0-00000 Korovine, R. Boss, 9-0 .... L. Piggott 6
7 00-0 Mazouz (B), M. Masson, 9-0 .... A. Bond 3
8 00-002 Mountebank, J. Winter, 9-0 .... W. Carson 2
9 04-0 Nice Bounty, D. Keith, 9-0 .... G. Starkey 7
10 0 Ron's Sign Centre, J. Sutcliffe, 9-0 .... B. Rouse 8
13 64-0 Speedy Tack, J. Hindley, 9-0 .... A. Kimberley 11
14 000-4 Super Knight, G. Hunter, 9-0 .... M. Roberts 1
15 0-000 Jubilee Year (B), B. Hobbs, 8-11 .... C. Lewis 5
5-2 Speedy Tack, 3-1 Mountebank, 9-2 Super Knight, 8-1 Happy Hector, 10-1 Nice Bounty, Jubilee Year, 12-1 Mazouz, 14-1 Flash O'Green, 20-1 others.

Sandown Park selections

By Our Racing Correspondent

2.0 Bell-Tent. 2.30 Slip the Ferret. 3.5 General Carl. 3.40 Tribal Warrior. 4.10 Sorebelle. 4.45 Jubilee Year.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.0 Chennel Lane. 3.5 Remezzo. 3.40 Schweppeshire Lad. 4.10 Sorebelle. 4.45 Jubilee Year.

Redcar results

3.30 (3.32) GO RACING IN YORKSHIRE TROPHY (Round IV: 3-y-o: £1,425: 1m)
Tweedhill, ch c, by Green God—Clariden (W. Pitfield), 9-6 J. Lowe (2-5 fav) 1
Regency Elite J. Bleasdale (5-1) 2
Florest Salopia .... T. Ives (9-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 40—1 Sonlamarra (4th), 66-1 Spunta, 100-1 Cycladic. 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 15p; places 11p, 25p, dual forecast, 19p. N. Adam, Bescaby. 1l, 3l.

4.0 MOORSHOLM HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,272: 1¾m)
Skhiza, br f, by Targowice—Andiciran (Capt A. Rogers), 6-10 A. Mercer (6-5 jt fav) 1
Nice Touch K. Darley (6-5 jt fav) 2
Ladyroid .... C. Storey (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 12-1 Lindum Parva (4th). 4 ran.
TOTE: Win, 21p; dual forecast, 12p. J. Watts, Richmond. 6l, 3l.

4.30 (4.32) FLYING THORPE STAKES (2-y-o: £991: 6f)
Skimwit, br c, by Comedy Turn—Daughters Three (W. Sine), 7-13 E. Johnson (8-13 fav) 1
Herbie .... M. L. Thomas (7-2) 2
Golden Tower .... K. Darley (8-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 8-1 Alexa Reppin, 14-1 Red Diana, 16-1 Timaruck (4th), 20-1 Colonel Creole, 33-1 Dalston Prince, Chamarel. 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, 19p; places, 11p, 34p, 23p; dual forecast, 17p. C. Thornton, Middleham. 1l, 1½l.
TOTE DOUBLE: Sockburn, Skhiza, £3.25. TREBLE: Top Call, Tweedhill, Skimwit, £3.30.

3.0 (3.5) LIVERTON HANDICAP (£742: 7f)
Junior Belle, ch f, by Swinging Junior—Robelle (A. Stott), 3-8-1 A. Mercer (6-1) 1
Habberight .... J. Lowe (7-1) 2
Misippus .... G. Gray (25-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Isobels Choice (4th), 6-1 Petit, 7-1 Rainford Star, 10-1 Fanny Keyser, 12-1 Double You, 14-1 Sertki, 16-1 Surprise Party, 25-1 Jean Marjorie, Bella Nova, Jalsingh, Arras J wel, Paphos Boy. 15 ran.
TOTE: Win, 59p; places, 26p, 41p, £1.14; dual forecast, £2.82. J. Fitzgerald, at Malton. ½l, nk.

2.30 LIGHTHORPE STAKES (2-y-o: £1,822: 7f)
Top Call, br f, by High Top—Last Call (J. Wigan), 8-3 M. L. Thomas (6-4) 1
Runcorn Ferry J. Bleasdale (7-1) 2
Top of the Charts E. Johnson (11-10 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 10-1 Iglu (4th), 33-1 Nippy Lad, Shalotra, Theban God. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 20p; places, 11p, 24p; dual forecast, 52p. M. Stoute, at Newmarket. ½l, nk.

3.0 "PETTY OFFICER" HANDICAP (£2,008: 1¾m)
Sockburn, b g, by My Swallow—Blue Bird (H. Roberts), 4-8-6 K. Darley (8-15 fav) 1
Geminiani M. L. Thomas (100-30) 2
Shardis .... A. Mercer (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 High Hills (4th). 4 ran.
TOTE: Win, 15p; dual forecast, 15p. M. Camacho, at Tadcaster. ½l, 10l.

St Leger's 72 entries

ST LEGER ENTRIES: Act One, Admiral's Launch, Amazer, Antler, Araphos, Arbuato, Beggar's Bridge, Brave Effort, Brave Johnny, Bully, Calibrator, Canadian Bound, Charlotte's Choice, Chokwaro, Dactylographer, Duke of Normandy, Easter King, Effulgence, El Badr, Elgay, English Harbour, Frere Basile, Galiani, Goblin, Hatched, Hawaiian Sound, Ile de Bourbon, Inkerman, Julio Mariner, Kandoa, Korkorian, King Mark, King of Darby, Le Moss, Leonardo da Vinci, Less Ice, Lord Cymbal, Loriquet, Lotta Continua, Lyoko, Majestic Maharaj, Meistersinger, M-Loishan, Moon Sammy, Moraliste, Most Real, Nicholas Bill, Nizon, Noble Quillo, Noir et Or, Obraztsovy, Palm Island, Pathfinder, Pickanino, Pragmatic, Remainder Man, Roi de Mai, Roscoe Blake, Sauvage, Sexton Blake, Shirley Heights, Su Aba, Stephano, Strong Gale, Tarek, Tom Strauss, Turville, Twilight Hour, Val de Lys, Valour, Welsh Knight and Whitstead. To be run over 1m 6f 127yd at Doncaster on September 16.

Sandown Park

6.0: 1, Young Generation (4-1); 2, Realert (2-1 fav); 3, La-Don (33-1). 15 ran.

6.30: 1, Sellmens (2-1); 2, Barley Hill (6-4 fav); 3, Best of Marks (10-1). 10 ran.

7.5: 1, Heroic (10-11 fav); 2, Bondi (7-1); 3, Welsh Jester (11-2). 6 ran.

7.40: 1, Celebrated (9-4); 2, Godoliero (12-1); 3, Old Cosimos (7-1). 7 ran.

8.10: 1, Hot Bid (9-2); 2, Ravelston (11-8 fav); 3, Murrmatch (5-2). 5 ran.

Great Yarmouth

2.15 (2.18) JELLICOE STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £1,045: 6f)
Rimosa's Pet, b f, by Petingo—Rimosa, 8-11 .. P. Cook (10-1) 1
Santaclaire .... G. Sexton (50-1) 2
Formulate .... F. Durr (8-11 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-4 Bella Ragasta, 20-1 Draconara Lady (4th), 25-1 Saintly Chorus, 40-1 Silken Sand, 50-1 Orchem. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 77p; places, 20p, £1.31, 11p; dual forecast £14.87. M. Stoute, at Newmarket. 1l, 5l.

2.45 (2.48) SPANISH PARADE HANDICAP (£690: 1m)
Rolus, gr g, by Romulus—Flag Shin, 9-8-1 .... E. Hide (8-1) 1
Birthday Wish .. J. McLoon (12-1) 2
Tawdy .... E. Eldin (3-1 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Highland Player, 5-1 Dusky Warrior (p), 11-2 Gur Amir (4th), 12-1 St Severin, 40-1 Lesmareve (p), Easby Saint, Concrete. 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, 71p; places, 17p, 17p, 15p; dual forecast, £8.27. D. Chapman, at York. 1l, 5l.

3.15 (3.17) BEATTY HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,651: 7m)
Pickirudis, b f, by Roan—Hello-sun, 8-8 .. P. Cook (4-7 fav) 1
Hang On Elvis R. J. Ferguson (8-1) 2
Robert Adam .. R. Still (33-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 Temple Queen, 10-1 Telecommunication (4th), 33-1 Dicuiefit. 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 18p; places, 11p, 22p; dual forecast, 89p. L. Cumani, at Newmarket. 1½l, 5l.

3.45 (3.46) CRADOCK HANDICAP (£1,217: 1m 3f 110yd)
Lucky Seventeen, b h, by So Blessed—Alcina, 6-7-6 S. Jarvis (2-1 fav) 1
Junella .... G. Sexton (11-4) 2
Palaver .... F. Durr (11-4) 3
ALSO RAN: 10-1 Fraash, 13-1 Funny Valentine, 25-1 Lady Of York (4th), 33-1 Money In. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 31p; places, 14p, 31p; dual forecast, 40p. D. Weeden, at Newmarket. Nk, 1½l.

4.15 (4.16) HAWKINS STAKES (2-y-o: £1,671: 6f)
Possu, b c, by Communication—Pink Shantung, 9-7 P. Cook (1-3 fav) 1
Viking Skipper .. E. Hide (9-2) 2
Sindya Flame .. G. Duffield (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 10-1 Footsilie, 25-1 Grey Picture, 33-1 Willydoo (4th). 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 15p; places, 15p, 20p; dual forecast, 21p. M. Stoute, at Newmarket. 2l, 2½l.

4.45 (4.47) STURDGE STAKES (Maidens: £979: 1¾m)
Hannington, br f, by Herbager—Overton, 3-10-9 Mr R. Hutchinson (6-1) 1
Celtic Canon Franca Vittadini (11-2) 2
Princely Fool Mr W. Jardine (15-8 fav) 3
ALSO RAN 5-1 Tranby (4th), 8-1 Highland Orchid, 13-1 Mahogany, 14-1 Challoner, 20-1 Gerrards Cross, 25-1 Saucy Violet, 33-1 Foreign Investment, Nexandre, 50-1 Lisabel, Llama, Tillnon, Roxberger Pepin, Odds On Tim, Media Noche. 17 ran.
TOTE: Win, 85p; places, 25p, 19p, 16p; dual forecast, £1.28. W Hastings-Bass, at Newmarket. Nk, nk. Rugan-moss did not run.
TOTE DOUBLE: Pickirudis, Possu, £1.75. TREBLE: Rolus, Lucky Seventeen, Hannington, £82.45. JACKPOT: £342.05. PLACEPOT: £2.20.

Hamilton Park

2.15 (2.16) WALLACE STAKES (2-y-o: £931: 6f)
Saintly Princess, b f, by Prince Tenderfoot—Peruvian Saint, 8-8 M. Roberts (10-11) 1
Balmuick Boy .. K. Leason (9-4) 2
Straight Schweppes, A. Kimberley (7-2) 3
7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 24p; dual forecast, 31p. G. Hunter, East Ilsley. Hd, 2l.

2.45 (2.46) LOWTHER HANDICAP (3-y-o: £983: 5f)
Moving Star, b c, by Windjammer—Lunar Star, 9-5 A. Kimberley (Evens fav) 1
Norton Legend .. M. Birch (5-1) 2
Sovereign Acres, M. Roberts (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 Private Love (4th), 7-1 Ecstasy, 11-1 Saul's Son. 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 10p; places, 11p, 11p; dual forecast, 61p. W. H. Williams, Ayr. 4l, 2l.

3.15 (3.17) HAMILTON SPRINT HANDICAP (£972: 5f)
My Chopin, ch h, by Manacle—Chopiniana, 8-11 bl P. McDermott (9-2) 1
Poseitie .... C. Nutter (9-4) 2
Thorganby .... M. Hobson (4-6) 3
ALSO RAN: 25-1 I'm Hoping (4th). 4 ran.
TOTE: Win, 50p; dual forecast, 68p. T Fairhurst, Middleham Sh hd, 3l.

3.45 (3.47) BONNINGTON STAKES (Apprentices: £508: 1m 1f)
Le Dauphin, b h, by Sing Sing—Vauchellur, 6-3-8 bl A. MacKay (11-8) 1
Zingo .... P. Donnelly (5-4 fav) 2
Larella .... J. Dufme (14-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-1 Toughie (4th), 25-1 Splendid Lines. 5 ran.
TOTE: Win, 12p; dual forecast, 20p; T Craig, Dunbar. 1½l, 3l. Young Benny did not run. The winner was bought for 1,150gns.

4.15 (4.16) COREHOUSE HANDICAP (£1,051: 1m 40yd)
Sylvan D'or, ch m, by Songedor—Sylvanite, 5-7-6 M Wigham (5-1) 1
Ochil Hills Star .. E. Apter (3-1) 2
Welch Soldier .... C. Nutter (4-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Churchillian, 3-1 Second Time Lucky (4th). 5 ran.
TOTE: 34p; dual forecast, £1.05. R. Hobson, Worksop. 2l, 5l.

4.45 (4.46) ROSS STAKES (3-y-o: £606: 1¼m)
Blue Drake, b g, by Majority Blue—Alt Drake, 9-0 A. Kimberley (9-4 fav) 1
Headwind .... P. Colquhoun (5-2) 2
Thorganby Balashka M. Hobson (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 Lombardic, 9-1 Jossamy Hall (4th), 16-1 Fighting Fiddler, 20-1 Rodney Parade. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 22p; places, 19p, 25p, dual forecast, 22p. J. Hindley, Newmarket. 3l, 3l.
TOTE DOUBLE: My Chopin, Sylvan D'or, £32.75. TREBLE: Moving Star, Le Dauphin, Blue Drake, £10.10.

Cycling

Knetemann sprints to stage victory

Lausanne, July 19.—Gerrie Knetemann, of the Netherlands, today sprinted to victory in the eighteenth stage of the Tour de France but his compatriot, Joop Zoetemelk, retained the overall lead with ease. Knetemann was one of five breakaway riders who escaped the pack near the end of today's 137.5km (86 mile) stage and clinched victory with an unmatchable sprint through the streets of this lakeside Swiss resort.

Joseph Bruyere, of Belgium, just got his wheel in front for second place in front of Paul Wellens, also of Belgium and Joaquim Agostinho, of Portugal. All three bettered their positions in the first 10 of the overall classification but not enough to worry Zoetmelk, who was content to shadow his closest rival, Bernard Hinault, of France, and expended little effort in maintaining his 14-second lead over the young French star.

Hinault was strictly policed by Zoetemelk's team-mates over today's stage and had little opportunity to clip vital seconds of the Dutchman's overall lead. Fourth-placed Agostinho boosted his own chances of keeping in contact with the leading pair today and will be hoping to be among the leaders in tomorrow's 181.5 kilometre (112-mile) stage between Lausanne and Belfort in Eastern France. The race finishes in Paris on Sunday.

EIGHTEENTH STAGE: 1, G. Knetemann (Netherlands), 3hr 36.52min; 2, J. Bruyere (Belgium), 3:37.06; 3, P. Wellens (Belgium), same time; 4, J. Agostinho (Portugal), 3:37.07; 5, W. Janssens (Belgium), 3:37.14; 6, A. Menendez (Spain), 3:38.02; 7, R. Martens (Belgium), 3:38.29; 8, A. van Impe (Belgium), 3:39.08; 9, M. Maertens (Belgium), 3:39.1; 10, M. Lasa (Spain), 3:39.12; 11, S. Kelly (Ireland), 3:39.12; 43, R. Hoban (GB), 3:31 20; 58, P. Sherwen (GB), 3:42.41.

OVERALL: 1, J. Zoetemelk (Netherlands), 91hr 8.57min; 2, B. Hinault (France), 91:09.11; 3, J. Agostinho (Portugal), 91:13.04; 4, J. Bruyere (Belgium), 91:17.14; 5, C. Seznec (France), 91:17.22; 6, P. Wellens (Belgium), 91:21.02; 7, F. Galdos (Spain), 91:22.25; 8, H. Lubberding (Netherlands), 91:23.30; 9, S.-A. Nilsson (Sweden), 91:25.33; 10, L. van Impe (Belgium), 91:25.53; 31, S. Kelly (Ireland), 92:08.53; 61, B. Hoban (GB), 93:04.01; 78, P. Sherwen (GB), 93:15 14.—Reuter.

Rugby League

Britain may increase size of tour party

A recommendation that the Great Britain Rugby League party to tour Australia and New Zealand next summer should consist of 30 players instead of the traditional 26, will be discussed at the Rugby League Council meeting at Salford on August 2

A league spokesman said yesterday that the increase in players was to overcome the problems of injuries encountered on tours and it also allowed for one or two extra games to be fitted in.

The council will also consider sending a business manager as well as a team manager and coach with the party.

Squash cancelled

The world open squash championship, scheduled for Britain in September, has been cancelled for lack of sponsorship. The International Squash Players' Association said that, because they could not guarantee television coverage of the final to potential backers, they had no alternative but to call off the tournament. Jonah Barrington, chairman of the association, said in a prepared statement: "It is sad that none of the television companies were prepared to allocate a mere 20 minutes' viewing time for the final of a world championship."

West Berlin, July 19.—Panama has pulled out of next month's world swimming championships in West Berlin, reducing the number of countries taking part to 55, the organizers said today. Panama had originally planned to send four swimmers to the 10-day championships, running from August 18-28, but gave no reason for its change of mind, a spokesman for the organizing committee added.—Reuter.

Christchurch, July 19.—The Irish Universities Rugby Union team returned to winning from here today with a morale-boosting 16—4 victory over Lincoln College.—Agence France-Presse.

Golf

Caddy sacked after car crushes ball

Bristol-based Gordon Brand (Knowle), the English open stroke play champion, sacked his young caddy on the way to winning his second round tie in the Scottish amateur golf championship at Downfield, Dundee, yesterday.

The Anglo-Scot Brand, one of the eight seeds, was only on level terms after the fifth hole against Ron Wallace (Canmore) after his caddy ran the caddy car over Brand's ball. Brand had to concede the hole and he was still only on level terms after knocking his second shot into the burn at the 11th.

But he won the next four holes in succession, the last three with birdies, and finished off the match by pitching dead at the 15th.

Fellow seed Paul McKellar (East Renfrewshire), beaten finalist in the last Scottish and British amateur championships, was the day's biggest winner, with a seven and six victory in the second round over Alan White (Carnoustie).

McKellar won six holes in succession in one under par after the third. Although he three putted the 10th, he took the next from his 16-year-old opponent with a birdie and settled the match by chipping dead at the 12th.

Second round

W. Crole beat G. Abel 6 and 5; P. McKellar beat A. White 7 and 6; S. Stephen beat A. Cruicksh[ank] ... T. Cochrane beat G. Sm... R. Brechin beat G. Jack... Paterson beat M. Grubb... Wight beat N. Anderson... Ford beat J. Campbel[l]... J. Queen beat P. Craig... B. Macconnachie w/o K. ... R. Barnes beat I. Co... G. Macdonald beat C. C... 3; J. Wright beat J. ... hole; G. Brand beat R. W... 3; J. Johnston beat R. Jo... 2; J. Huggan beat A. Gu... J. Cuddihy beat J. Scott... Humble beat K. Baxter 5 a... C. Hay beat C. Cairns... Angus beat I. Brotherston... A. Hemsley beat M. ... R. Harris beat D. Ste... J. Gardner beat K. Ross... Zammit beat M. McEwan... Cadden beat J. Kinloch... McBayle beat G. Weir... C. McLachlan beat G. ... I. R. Henderson beat S. ... 19th; G. Macgregor beat P. ... 4; W. L. Gray beat K. ... and 1; I. Hutcheon beat ... 2 and 1; J. Adamson beat ... 22nd.

Third round

K. Macintosh beat A. B... 2; I. Miller beat W. Lum... 3; J. Savage beat J. S... and 5; B. Coombe beat ... 3 and 2; B. Marchbank ... Moffet, 19th; A. P. Mc... D. Mackintosh, 4 and 2; ... beat C. Cairnie, 6 and 4 ... beat M. Phillips, 6 and 5, ... A. Webster beat R. Blac... E. Hammond beat I. Slav... Campbell beat E. Lindsay ... I. Carslaw beat K. Howi... A. Coles beat P. Gallagh... B. Dunlop beat D. Chalme... C. Dalgleish beat F. Co... I. G. Brown beat R. Cr... McKellar beat Crole, 3 and ... beat Cochrane, 3 and 2 ... Wight, 3 and 4; Macl... Barnes, 3 and 2; Brand ... 6 and 5.

Glamorgan defeat hold[ers]

Glamorgan provided plenty of cheer for their supporters in the semi-final round of the English women's county golf championship at Saunton, North Devon yesterday by defeating the holders, Essex, by two matches to one in the morning foursomes. This put them one point behind Yorkshire, who defeated Anglesey and Caernarvon 3—0.

The hardest game in this series was that played by Vanessa Marvin, the English champion, and Hilary Kaye, who were taken to the 20th by Ann Johnson and Christine Thomas, before the Yorkshire pair won with a short putt.

Glamorgan 5, Essex 4

FOURSOMES (Glamorgan names first): Miss T. Perkins and Miss P. Light lost to Mrs A. Bonallack and Mrs S. Barber, 4 and 3; Miss I. Isherwood and Miss V. Rawlings beat Mrs E. Boatman and Mrs C. Sharp, 3 and 2; Mrs V. Mackenzie and Miss K. Rawlings beat Mrs B. Lewis and Mrs D. Foreman, 3 and 2.

Singles: Miss Perkins lost to Mrs Bonallack, 2 and 1; Miss Light lost to Mrs Barber, at 20th; Miss Isherwood lost to Mrs Boatman ... Miss V. Rawlings beat Mi... one hole; Mrs Mackenzie ... Conner, 5 and 4; Miss ... beat Mrs Foreman, 5 and 3.

Yorkshire 8, Anglesey and [Caernarvon] 1

FOURSOMES: Miss V. ... Mrs H. Kaye beat Mrs A. ... Mrs V. Thomas, at 20th; Everard and Miss P. Wr... Mrs E. Brown and Miss ... 4 and 3; Mrs J. Hunter ... Smillie beat Mrs P. Fergu... S. Jump, 7 and 5.

SINGLES: Miss Marvin ... Johnson 3 and 1; Miss E... Mrs C. Thomas, 5 and 3; ... son beat Mrs Brown, 5 and ... Rhodes beat Mrs N. Wrigh[t] ... Mrs Hunter beat Mrs B. ... holes.

Glamorgan 5, Anglesey and [Caernarvon] 4

SINGLES: Miss Perkins ... Johnson 2 and 1; Miss L... Mrs Thomas 1 hole; Miss ... beat Mrs B. Burnell 6 and ... Rawlings beat Miss S. Ju[mp] ... Miss K. Rawlings lost to ... anson, 4 and 3; Mrs Ma... Mrs N. Wright, 2 holes.

Yorkshire 6, Essex 3

SINGLES: Miss Marvin ... Bonallack at 19th; Miss ... Mrs Barber, 4 and 3; Mis... beat Mrs Sharp, 6 and 5 ... beat Mrs Lewis 2 and 1; ... lost to Mrs Boatman 5 ... Hunter beat Mrs B. Coope[r]

Brunyard goes a stroke clear at Daventry

Nicholas Brunyard, who has so far not won a penny on the major tournament circuit, put himself in line for the £500 first prize in the Midland professional tournament at Staverton Park, near Daventry, yesterday. Brunyard returned a two-under-par 69 in the second round of the tournament to take an early lead over Michael Gallagher, who also had a 69.

Brunyard birdied the second hole and followed with an 8 iron second shot to within three feet at the fifth.

He was two under par at the turn and although he bunkered his second at the 10th to drop a shot, he hit back with a birdie at the 17th.

Gallagher, who yesterday had 37 puts in his first round 73 gauged the pace of the greens better today and had only 33. He holed from 20 feet at both the third and fourth to make an encouraging start. Leading scores: 141, N. Brunyard, 72, 69; 142, M. Gallagher, 73, 69; 144, P. Elliott, 70, 74; 146, I. Cradwell, 73, 73; P. Weaver, 75, 75; 150, K. Hayward, 75, 75; 151, R. Moffitt 76, 75; 152, R. Day, 78, 74; 153, D. Sutherland, 78, 75.

Holder strug[gles] and former champion lo[ses]

Defeat for Jim Buckley ... champion, and a narr[ow] ... for David Stevens, th... were the highlights ... two rounds in the Wels[h] ... golf championship at ... yesterday.

FIRST ROUND: D. Walsh ... Thomas, scr; R. D. Broad ... Mills, scr; B. Sandford w... gerald, scr; J. S. Jones wo ... scr; I. Duffy wo A. R. W... G. Isaac wo G. R. Robert... Marshman wo M. P. D. A... M. S. Roper wo D. S. M... C. T. Brown beat M. ... 3 and 2; K. Reynon be... Stroud, 5 and 4; D. Davies ... Griffiths, 4 and 3; A. Dis... Clement, 3 and 2; A. T. C... A. Jones 5 and 4; D. E... R. E. Jones, 3 and 2; P. ... beat N. R. Davies, 5 and ... Jermine beat J. V. Dinsdale ... G. W. Jones beat N. J. ... hole; R. M. Scruies beat S. ... 3 and 2; P. J. Belfrey ... Pugh 2 and 1; R. E. P... P. ... 1 hole; J. T... J. A. Buckley, 1 hole; T... beat A. G. Morgan, 4 and ... N. J. Aykroyd beat N. ... ton, 19th; J. A. Wilson, b... Bruyn 4 and 3; E. N. D... J. Williams, 3 and 1; D. ... N. Rees, 1 hole; M. G. ... A. Jones, 2 holes; J. R. ... T. Priestland, 2 and 1; R. ... beat W. S. Grimow, 4 a... Phillips beat P. Low, 4 an... R. D. Jones beat N. B... 4 and 3; N. S. Johnson b... Strange, 3 and 2; T. J. ... G. T. Higgins, 3 and ... Williams beat R. Dixon, 4 an... Jones beat M. Roberts, 4 a... Riseley beat R. Rolle, 1 ho... Jones beat M. P. Stimner.

SECOND ROUND: D. St... J. A. Evans, 1 hole; M. G... P. M. Jones, 1 and 3; P. ... beat D. R. Richards, 2 hol... Morgan beat A. Pretherch, ... J. M. Morrow beat R. G. Jo... 1; A. Inman beat A. D. ... 6 and 5; C. T. Brown beat K... 4 and 3, A. Risley beat D... 5 and 3.

W. B. Marsden beat G. ... holes; W. G. Jones beat A. ... 6 and 5; K. Roberts ... Needham, 1 and 5; G. Jones ... Gore, 4 and 3; C. Dickins ... Toth, 5 and 3; G. Buckland ... Stedman, 2 and 1; H. J. ... A. N. R. Fills, 7 and 6; R. ... beat D. E. Lewis, 5 and 4.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Baltimore Orioles 5, Texas Rangers 1; Milwaukee Brewers 7, Chicago White Sox 1; Cleveland Indians 8, California Angels 3; Oakland Athletics 6, Detroit Tigers 2; Toronto Blue Jays 13, Seattle Mariners 12.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago Cubs 7, San Francisco Giants 6; Atlanta Braves 4, New York Mets 3; Los Angeles Dodgers 7, Pittsburgh Pirates 4; Montreal Expos 5, Cincinnati Reds 1; Houston Astros 9, Philadelphia Phillies 1; San Diego Padres 5, St Louis Cardinals 2.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: Yorkshire Oaks, York: Bertal (dead). Geoffrey Freer Stakes, Newbury: Balavat and Bertal (dead). All engagements (dead): Robins Song and Robson Avenue.

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SPORT

Rifle shooting

Clarke expelled from Bisley camp for life

A member of the English VIII Rifle Club was yesterday banned for life from Bisley, the top shooting centre. The Bisley committee, made up of top marksmen from Britain and overseas, found Peter Clarke, of Coulsdon, guilty of breaking rules by using hand-finished ammunition.

Hand-loaded ammunition, as it is called officially, is generally more accurate than commercial ammunition but may be used in only one Bisley competition. The committee found that Clarke had used it in a match where it was not allowed. After two meetings, lasting four hours, it was officially announced that he should forfeit all entrance fees, prizes won since the alleged offence "and be expelled for ever from the Bisley camp and ranges".

Clarke was not available for comment because he had been asked to leave Bisley before the decision was announced. It is understood, however, that he told the committee he had three different types of ammunition and got them mixed up. As a result, he used hand-loaded cartridges by accident.

The Bisley committee keeps a tight hand on discipline and safety in British and Commonwealth rifle shooting. Clarke, who belongs to the English VIII Club from which England teams are selected, was expelled instantly from Bisley camp where 1,200 enthusiasts from the Commonwealth and Europe are competing in the annual matches.

Hand-loaded ammunition is held to give marksmen an unfair advantage. It is defined as a method of producing "tailor-made cartridges in which the shooter, himself, accurately measures and loads the powder into the cartridge case and fits the specially weighted gauged bullet". Clarke admitted to the committee that he had used the ammunition for some of his shots in the Edge Challenge Cup match rifle event at 1,100 and 1,200 yards range last week.

Although Clarke did not win a prize in the Edge Cup, any infringement of rules is considered equally serious, whether it has resulted in a win or not. The committee were understood to have voted unanimously for a lifetime ban.

Clarke, who has been in the middle range of Bisley marksmen for some years, had paid a total in entry fees of more than £70 and was to have competed yesterday in the preliminary stage of the Queen's Prize, the premier individual event, but was not allowed to do so. He had won several small prizes since Monday of last week, when the offending ammunition was used, and these will be forfeited. All his score cards and records were immediately removed from the statistics room.

The last life ban to be imposed was in July, 1965, when Major Robert Boyd was found guilty of using "more rounds of ammunition" than the number permitted in a service rifle event. He denied it. Soon after the 1914-18 War, two army sergeants were banished for life for interfering with the packing of their rifles.

Clarke said later that he was "naturally upset" at the ban. He explained that he had entered the Bisley competition where commercial and hand-finished ammunition could be used in separate sections of the contest. "I just got the two lots muddled up. I broke the rules and I have paid the price. The rules are there to be obeyed, so I accept the Bisley committee's ruling." He said that he would be able to carry on rifle shooting elsewhere in the country.

RESULTS: Barlow (900 yards): J. W. Wishart (Australia), 48; G. M. Ayling (Australia), 47; Fit Lt D. P. Cole (National Westminster Bank), 46. Elkington (long range aggregate): G. M. Ayling and C. J. Richardson (Australia), 142. New Zealand (four range aggregate): C. J. Richardson and J. S. Speight, 196. Palma aggregate (London range): G. M. Ayling, 141; C. L. Jackman, (Old Johnian), 140; Lord Swansea (South Wales), 140. Foster (600 yards): Maj F. W. Le Maitre (Hongkong RA), 75. Falklands Trophy: L. H. Ovenden (UFAC Belgium), 71. Services long range: RAF 556; Regular, 535; OB Cadets, 551. Belgium: Barclays Bank, 569; Manchester, 567; Central Bankers, 566. Police pistol: PC G. A. Challis (Northumbria), 290; 99; D. C. Adams (Northumbria), 288; Insp J. W. G. Bugg (Metropolitan), 386; Team: Northumbria A, 1,028; Metropolitan, 1,011; Northumbria B, 1,008.

Athletics

The 10,000-metre straw on the athlete's back

By Cliff Temple
Athletics Correspondent

With most of Britain's team for the European athletics championships in Prague next month having been announced yesterday, and constituting perhaps 75 per cent of the probable eventual total, an air of doubt lingers over the preparation of some of our leading medal prospects. The 10,000 metres, for instance, may need heats if the entry is sufficiently high, instead of just their final held traditionally on the opening day.

This would fall particularly hard on two British athletes, Brendan Foster and Michael McLeod, who will already have taken part in the 5,000 and 10,000 metres at the Commonwealth Games in Edmonton several weeks earlier, and are listed for the same two events in Prague.

Both men knew it was a heavy load they were tackling when they sought selection, but 10,000 metres heats in Prague could be the straw that breaks the athlete's back. "Any 10,000 metres race is hard", Foster says, "but a heat is a lot of effort with nothing really at the end of it."

The problem is that the standard for entry, 28min 50sec, is probably too lenient. Fourteen British athletes beat that time last year, for instance, and although nearly three a country can run, a large entry could result in Prague, necessitating pruning through heats.

As entries do not close until August 19, a decision from the technical delegates for the championships is unlikely to be made before then, according to the European Athletic Association president, Arthur Gold. Consequently, the athletes will not know for another month whether an extra race will be necessary.

McLeod indicated to me at the weekend that he would not want to run the 10,000 metres in Prague if heats were involved. Foster would probably want to consider whether to drop out of the 5,000 metres, at which he is the European champion, in favour of the longer event, at which he is the European record holder.

If either pulls out of an event, one hopes that late replacements may still be allowed by the European AA, who have caused the problem, which is aggravated in Britain's case by the demands of Edmonton. But that would mean that several other British athletes will have to remain in full training on the off-chance that they might be needed as substitutes in Prague.

The 1,500 metres situation is also less than straightforward. John Robson, of Edinburgh, has been selected, deservedly. But there are three men who could lay claim to the other two places: Stephen Overt, David Moorcroft and Frank Clement. Assuming that Overt will be added when he has achieved the European qualifying standard of 3min 40.6sec, then one has the ironic situation of the AAA 1,500 metres champion (Moorcroft) and the United Kingdom mile record holder (Clement) duelling for third place in the team. That situation may be resolved only on the track in Edmonton.

Britain's team for Europe

Men

100 metres: A. McMaster, A. Wells. 200 metres: M. McFarlane, A. Wells. 4 x 100 metres relay (from): S. Green, McFarlane, McMaster, Wells and two others. 400 metres: R. Ashton, 800 metres: S. Coe, P. Hoffman. 1,500 metres: J. Robson. 5,000 metres: B. Foster, M. McLeod, N. Rose. 10,000 metres: Foster, McLeod, D. Black. 3,000 metres steeplechase: D. Coates, A. J. Dales. 110 metres hurdles: N. Holton, B. Price. 400 metres hurdles: Will. Hartley, G. Oakes, A. Pascoe. High jump: B. Burgess, M. Naylor. Long jump: R. Mitchell. Triple jump: K. Bonner, A. Moore. Pole vault: B. Claringbold, K. Stock. Shot: G. Capes. Hammer: C. Black, P. Dickenson. Decathlon: D. Thompson. Marathon: D. Cannon, T. Simmons, C. Taylor. 20 kilometres walk: S. Adams, G. Flynn, R. Mills. 50 kilometres walk: D. Cotton, I. Richards.

Women

100 metres: B. Goddard, S. Lannaman. 200 metres: S. Lannaman. 4 x 100 metres relay (from): S. Colyear, Goddard, Lannaman, K. Smallwood, and two others. 400 metres: V. Elder. 4 x 400 metres (from): J. Colebrook, Elder, D. Hartley, and three others. 800 metres: J. Colebrook, J. Pricton. 1,500 metres: C. Benning, M. Stewart. 3,000 metres: A. Ford, P. Pridgr. 100 metres hurdles: L. Boothe, S. Colyear, S. Stronge. 400 metres hurdles: E. Sutherland. High jump: C. Hitchon. Long jump: S. Hearnshaw, S. Reeve. Discus: M. Ritchie. Javelin: T. Sanderson. Pentathlon: Y. Wray.

Olympic Games

IOC extend Los Angeles contract deadline

Lausanne, July 19.—The International Olympics Committee said tonight that they would be willing to meet with the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) and Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley in a final attempt to bring the 1984 Olympic Games to the city.

In a telegram to USOC president, Robert Kane, the IOC also agreed to extend until August 21 the deadline for Los Angeles city council to sign the IOC contract, provisionally awarding the city the games. Previously, Los Angeles had until July 31 to sign.

The telegram, signed by the IOC president, Lord Killanin, and later made public in a press statement, was in reply to a letter he received earlier today from the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee, requesting the meeting and extended deadline.

The IOC have refused to recognize the organizing committee, a private group of citizens whom the city wants to take financial responsibility for the Games. Under the rules of the world body, only the city to which the Games are entrusted can take such responsibility.

The dispute reached a climax on Tuesday when Mayor Bradley recommended to the city council that it withdraw the Los Angeles bid.

The Killanin telegram said the IOC president would be willing to meet Mr Kane and Mayor Bradley elsewhere in Europe if either of them formally requests such a meeting. But he rejected a demand that the organizing committee for the meeting to be held immediately in New York. He told Mr Kane it was impossible for him to visit new York prior to the IOC meeting scheduled for August 29 to 31 in Lausanne.

The telegram, which pointed out a number of IOC rules, made no reference to the request by the organizing committee for its own representatives to be included in the meeting. The IOC information chief, Monique Berlioux, said that Lord Killanin's telegram had been sent to the USOC and not to the organizing committe because "we only deal with National Olympic Committees and cities" to which the games are awarded.

She said that despite Lord Killanin's rejection of a New York meeting for reasons of lack of time, any meeting with Mr Kane and Mayor Bradley would almost certainly take place before the new August 21 deadline. She said she felt the decision of Mayor Bradley to recommend a withdrawal of the Los Angeles bid was made "somewhat hastily", and that she was "unconvinced" the city council would uphold the recommendation. "I have been led to believe that neither the Los Angeles city council nor the United States Olympic Committee are in favour of the Mayor's recommendation", she said.—AP.

Twelve world class Cuban athletes, led by Alberto Juantorena, the Olympic and World Cup double gold medal winner, are to compete at Crystal Palace National Sports Centre, on August 23.

Fashion

by Prudence Glynn

Running, striking, diving, or just standing still

● Sports clothes can be divided into three categories; active, amateur and spectator. I seem to have been mostly involved with the last category this summer. The Derby provided the most extraordinary mixture of smart and scrubby that I have ever seen shoulder to shoulder. Gold Cup day at Ascot was its own usual disaster, with British womanhood determined to wear its newest purchases whatever the weather. Anything more ludicrous than trailing white lawn hems on soaking brown lawn pastures and dripping, dripping hats strewn with flowers too unreal to appreciate the downpour is hard to imagine.

The ultimate spectator sport for parents is tied up with school. Failing in parenthood, I did not catch the form's presentation of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in which the family was represented in the shape of Lysander, clad in a natty tunic, but no plastic Roman armour borrowed from smaller brother (which I thought would have been rather dashing). Memories of playing Puck in pea green tights, and moying on to Mark Antony in sheet, were stirred. "What did the parents wear?" I quizzed anxiously. "Oh an awful old mix up of stuff". I was assured.

When in doubt about anything at which your children will be prominent, ask them what to wear. The agony of embarrassment is very real.

I had planned to flaunt a sweeping Laura Ashley frock to the local garden fete, working on the Lady Spencer (ex Dartmouth) diamonds-in-the-docks principle—that one is not asked to perform ceremonies unless one may provide a touch of the exotic and unusual. Anyway, I was going to wear the same dress the night before to an intellectual Oxford dinner party and had worked out that, (a) I should only have to transport one special outfit over and above my blue jeans, and (b) as the dinner came before the fete, the affectionate approaches of my horse (who was to help with rides for children and who would only consent to do so if led down and then about by me, preferably with his head on my shoulder) would not overpower my choice of chic scent and wreck the high-flown conversation.

"You can't possibly wear that", opined our daughter. "For goodness sake wear something sensible and quiet." She then vanished, with the horse.



Left: in 1964 the American designer Rudi Gernreich gave the world's women the topless bathing suit: Approximately 99.9 per cent gave it right back, but the topless cult has now got further than St Tropez. Recently returned holidaymakers report a distinct lack of tops in Italy, and Spain has relaxed its laws on acceptable beach wear. Four years ago Gernreich produced "The Thong" which, when I saw it, I reckoned about the least comfortable garment I had ever seen. Bathing suit history includes the "diaper" suit designed by the American Claire McCardell in 1944, in which a single piece of black jersey was tied around the neck, pulled between the legs and then tied around the waist. It is now in the collection of the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York. Later came Yuki with discreetly draped sarongs and togas which did in fact allow you to proceed through the water, and now we have John Bates for Jean Varon producing the best of all worlds: a really pretty, unusual, comfortable, alluring swimsuit. £30 in red, yellow, mauve or maroon. At Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, only.

Photographs by Peter Akehurst



Sun scare

● Sunshine is the latest whipping boy, blame it for all your wrinkles. This is a big change from the sixties' craze for soaking up the sun in unlimited quantities. But do not be alarmed into digging out Victorian parasols, and the green-lined hats which were supposed to filter the sun's rays (avoid the brighter shades of green, fashion writers warned, because of arsenic dyes). Moderation is probably the answer since most of us feel better and more glamorous bronzed.

Sun product manufacturers go in for classifications of incredible numerical complexity: I just call them underdone, medium brown and well done. Bergasol have a middle-price range covering all types, with a High Protection Gel (£2.35) for sensitive skins and a useful After Sun Moisturizer (£2.65). If you wish to aim for "done to a turn", there is a new product on the market which everyone seems to be talking about, possibly because of the extraordinary list of ingredients. Hawaiian Tropic is for tropical climes and deep tans. They have a special Professional Tanning Oil with no sun screen at all (£2.95). It contains everything else: cocoa butter, coconut oil, oil of banana and eucalyptus, lanolin, and aloe. You may buy it from Selfridges.

Ultra luxury is the new Lancaster range, exclusive to Harrods from August 1. Besides the usual tanning creams and after-sun shampoos they have some specialist products which effectively prevent peeling and pain—a Sun Protecting Stick for the beacon nose and the chapped lips (£3.00), and Sensitive Sun Cream for the first day on the beach or for pink English skin (£4.00). The delicate skin around the eyes needs special attention; they produce a Sun Eye Care (£3.00). For devotees of skiing, water skiing, or anything with lots of glare and wind, there is a Creme High Altitude (£4.50).

Yardley Easy Bronze and Leichner Island Tan in three shades, will fake the whole business for £1.10 or 75p respectively, rather cheaper than the train fare to Brighton.

● Polaroid have a range of attractive frames, some designed by Mary Quant, and new Polaroid Polamatic sunglasses which switch from light to dark with the flick of a finger (£17.50). They are useful for motorists—windscreens absorb a lot of the ultra violet rays, triggering the response of photochromatic lenses—and spectator sports, where you may be watching glare from shade.

Above: Sense and sensibility. Towelling is comfortable, has a fine capillary action (ie absorbs sweat) seems to have the qualities of both warmth and coolness and is an absolute pest to pack (heavy and bulky) and to dry (it takes hours and hours). Nevertheless there are a lot of very attractive towelling clothes about. British Home Stores have excellent cheap sports clothes and beach things in the fabric; it is high fashion at Peter Robinson, in a mini bluson dress at Miss Selfridge; and it is ideal for gentle joggers.

By Ian Batten, a designer who always seems to pop up with the right idea at the right time. White on black, or black on white, top £36, trousers £28. Available at Roxy, Kensington Church Street, London, W8 or by post from Ian Batten, 48 Muswell Avenue, Muswell Hill, N10 (p and p 75p).



● Right: They also serve who only stand and miss. Having been escorted to Wimbledon by the best tennis dress designer ever, Ted Tinling, I feel qualified to comment on what to wear. Number one, never a centre back fastening. Pretty Miss Evert's dress was scooping up like cinema curtains on her spine as the (presumably cotton, hand sewn-in) zip reacted to her activity and the other fabric of her frock did not. Proper tennis dresses are fastened, invisibly, down the side. They also never ever have a square neckline. No matter how well the dress is cut, the professional or even aggressive player, when she bunches her shoulders, will always make an ugly gap between herself and the front of the dress. A rounded neckline, a vee neckline, or one in front of the other at the back is better.

Tell it not to Tinling, but if I were to venture into serious tennis I should wear separates. But if I wanted a dress, then there would be no one else but Ted—and there should be no one but Ted, as I think the dethroned queen, Virginia Wade will find out when she changes, after 17 years of his personal attention, to another house. Independent again now that the Virginia Slims contract is ended, the 68-year-old Tinling diffidently asked his greatest star, Billie-Jean King, if she might like to patronize his work. She usually has five dresses for Wimbledon. This year she had ten.

● Careful design, perfect fit. Stretch top and shorts with a navy tennis ball motif on white by HCC, top £10.95, shorts £19.95. Dunlop Green Flash tennis shoes (£5.99), carefully designed with padded collar, tongue and insoles to protect and support the feet. White cotton socks with no turn over, just a little bobble to stop them slipping under the foot—and a cotton-reinforced sole to absorb sweat and protect against blisters. Slazenger Challenge No 1 racket, £31, strung in gut. Everything from Lilywhites, Piccadilly Circus, also available by their mail order service (p&p 20p)—and ask for their excellent magazine showing some of their current stock at the same time.

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A good example of this kind of thing is provided by Compton Pool Farm, which stands in about 12½ acres close to the National Trust's Compton Castle, some three miles from Torquay and Paignton, in Devon. Here, the present owners use three cottages on the property, a farmhouse flat and a caravan for self-catering holiday lettings.

There is room for expansion of the business, too, subject to planning permission, by converting the remainder of the extensive farm buildings, which include a barn 39ft long, into further units.

The main house is a stone and cob building, mainly of Tudor origins, but with a Georgian front. It has two main reception rooms, a large sun lounge, five double bedrooms and a single. The self-contained flat, which could be incorporated into the main part, has a living room and three bedrooms.

The property is due to come to auction in September, through Bettesworths, of Torquay, and is expected to make something between £85,000 and £100,000.

Architecturally interesting is West Hall, at Long Burton, near Sherborne, Dorset. It is a manor house of 15th century origins, with later additions, notably in the 16th and 17th centuries. It has a grade one listing as being of special architectural or historic interest.

Notable features include some fine Elizabethan panelling, a wide oak staircase and an oak door bearing marks reputed to have been made by Cromwellian soldiers trying to force an entry.

Main accommodation includes a large entrance hall, three reception rooms, a study and seven principal bedrooms. There are also a four-bedroomed staff wing and three attic bedrooms. Across a courtyard is a three-bedroomed cottage.

Gardens and grounds total about 14½ acres, including a paddock of about 8½ acres. The price is £140,000 and the agents are Humberts, of London and Sherborne.

Also of interest is Newhouse Farm, at Tidebrook, near Wadhurst, Sussex, in the market for the first time in 45 years.

It is of 16th century origins, with later additions, and is brick-built with weatherboarded upper parts and leaded light windows. Accommodation includes a reception hall, three reception rooms and five bedrooms, including a main bedroom and bathroom suite.

Outbuildings include a twin-roundel oast and an adjoining barn at present used mainly as garaging, stabling and storage, but suitable for conversion, subject to planning permission. Gardens and grounds run to about 19½ acres.

Offers in the region of £125,000 are being asked through Beamton Watson and Co of Tunbridge Wells, and Knight Frank and Rutley.

Unusual is a property called Meeting House Cottage, at Ewshot, near Farnham, Surrey. With origins in the 17th century, it is believed to have started out as a Friends' Meeting House.

It was converted to its present form with casement windows and whitened walls with a clay tiled roof in about 1960. It has two reception rooms, a combined kitchen and breakfast room and three bedrooms.

The whole property extends to about a quarter of an acre and is open to offers of about £45,000 through Messenger May Baverstock, of Farnham and Fleet.

Typical of its kind and suitable for those who like a lot of house for their money, is The Old Vicarage, at Drybrook, Gloucestershire. It is a Georgian house built about 1817, constructed of local stone with rendered and whitened walls.

All the accommodation is on two floors and is so arranged that it could be divided into two self-contained dwellings simply by sealing off archways on the ground and first floors.

In all, there are five reception rooms, two kitchens, seven bedrooms and a dressing room, together with extensive cellars. The grounds, which are next to Forestry Commission plantations, extend to about 4½ acres.

Due to come to auction next month through Bruton Knowles, of Cinderford, Gloucestershire, it is expected to make something over £40,000.



West Hall, at Long Burton, near Sherborne, Dorset, a house of fifteenth century origins and a grade one listing for sale at about £140,000.

An architecturally similar but more compact property is one called Corston, in Cobham, Surrey, which is believed to have been built in the late 18th century, with white rendered walls and a slate roof.

Here, the accommodation includes two reception rooms, a study and four bedrooms, one of which is large enough to be made into two. There is a range of outbuildings around a courtyard, which includes garaging and stabling for two horses. The property extends to about three-quarters of an acre in all, and includes a water garden.

Offers in the region of £90,000 are being asked through Weller Eggar, of Guildford.

Some modernization is required, reflected in the price of £55,000, in the case of a property called Gusted Hall, at Rochford, Essex.

The house perhaps dates from about 1720, but the bulk of the property is Victorian and is thought to have been constructed by a local solicitor, who acquired it in 1856.

A gardening enthusiast, he had the grounds laid out with semi-tropical plants and shrubs. The house has three reception rooms and five bedrooms and stands in about half an acre. The agents are Strutt and Parker, of Southend-on-Sea.

A good New Forest property for sale is Virginia Lodge, at Brockenhurst, Hampshire.

The house dates back some 200 years and has recently been the subject of modernization and renovation. During this operation, a mass of internal oak beams was revealed, and these have been left exposed.

There are two main reception rooms, a study, a combined kitchen and breakfast room, five bedrooms and a dressing room. The garden with a good range of outbuildings runs to about an acre.

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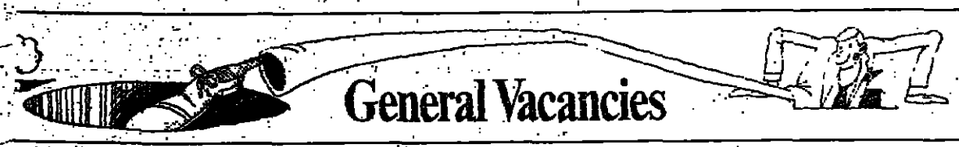
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Ronald Butt

This seeping, spreading influence over all our lives

Last week I discussed the way in which the Government is seeking to establish that its opponents are incapable of commanding the authority needed to govern the country in present conditions and is also apparently in the process of excluding those who do not actively sympathize with its politics from sharing influence in the ever-growing number of quasi-governmental boards whose members are appointed by ministers.

I do not pretend to know how far the removal of non-Labour sympathizers from patronage appointments is deliberate and concerted strategy. In part, at least, it may simply reflect an instinctive and almost subconscious conviction on the part of Labour politicians that only their own political principles are right for the times we live in, and that no one holding different opinions can have any serious contribution to make.

Those who represent the present dominant kind of politics may genuinely find it hard to believe that people who differ from them politically are fit for constructive membership of the boards they appoint. But the real danger of such an attitude is greater, not less, if it arises from such arrogant convictions rather than from cold political calculation.

As I described last week, much of the evidence for the continuing growth of "quangos" (quasi-autonomous national organizations) and for the pluralism of the members of these bodies, has been gathered by Mr Philip Holland, the Conservative MP for Carlton, from ministerial answers to parliamentary questions.

An MP may not, of course, question a minister directly on the political affiliation, if any, of the people he appoints, since this is not a matter for ministerial responsibility. However, the ministerial answers to Mr Holland reveal incidentally a great deal about the spreading influence of trade union and Labour sympathizers on many of the "quangos". And there is also much piecemeal direct evidence of discontent in the country about the wholesale substitution of Labour for Conservative and other non-Labour members.

There is, for instance, considerable annoyance just now in Wales, including many who are politically neutral, at the new appointment by the Welsh Secretary, Mr John Morris, of the Labour peer Lord Gordon Parry as chairman of the Welsh Tourist Board. A working life spent as a schoolmaster and Labour Party agent is not regarded as providing the experience needed for this post. Lord Parry succeeds Mr Hudson Davies, another Labour activist who leaves because he is a candidate.

I am informed that Mr John Morris, when he first took over, also sought to cancel the accepted appointment of Lady Anglesey as chairman of the Welsh Arts Council and was dissuaded only by the protests of a former chairman and the pressure of a former *Labour* Secretary of State.

Again a former Labour official has taken over as chairman of the Welsh Gas Consultative and Consumers Council. One Welshman who has served on a public board angrily contrasted to me the rigorous insistence of the great post war founders of the public boards (Attlee, James Griffiths, Gaitskell, Bevan) on having the best men for the job, irrespective of party loyalty, compared with the performance of the Welsh office now.

Similarly, I hear that there are angry suspicions among the regional water authority chairmen in the United Kingdom as a whole that they will shortly and suddenly be for the chop (though they have had no notice of it) in favour of what my informant calls "party-orientated replacements". But let us come back from their misgivings to the solid information uncovered by Mr Philip Holland.

There are now well over 800 "quangos" (the number grows month by month) whose 20,000 or so members command emoluments of one sort or another totalling over £10m annually. This patronage is distributed by the Prime Minister and 16 other Cabinet ministers.

"Quangos" come in all shapes and sizes. Some are uncontroversially necessary and valuable. These include, for instance, those which are composed of members with particular professional or other special qualifications. Medical boards and the parole board are obvious examples. Others perform highly controversial "social engineering" functions of which the Equal Opportunities Commission and (to some of us) the Race Relations Board are examples.

Then there are the advisory boards and consumer boards which relate to particular nationalized industries.

But the most insidious is the type which has quasi-judicial functions and which is appointed by a minister to interpret the law for which he himself is responsible. The consequence is far too often to undermine the concept of an independent judiciary and the rule of law.

The Central Arbitration Committee, which serves as a final court of appeal in trade union recognition cases, is one outstanding example of this. With it may be linked that other "quango", ACAS, the Government's Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service. ACAS prepares reports on cases brought before it and then, if nothing is done to implement its findings, can refer them to the Central Arbitration Committee, which has the power to make a recommendation, and an order for compliance with it.

Concerning both of these bodies (which were set up under Labour's Employment Protection Act) Mr Holland has from time to time elicited some fascinating information which is set out in a series of detailed answers to his parliamentary questions.

There is, first of all, the sheer increase in the membership and cost of these bodies which has taken place without any reference to Parliament. Thus, for example, in less than six months between May and November, 1977, the membership of the Central Arbitration Committee increased from a chairman, eight deputy chairmen and 23 part-time members to a chairman, 18 deputy chairmen and 63 part-time members. Nobody had the faintest idea that it had been done until these questions had brought forth their unavoidable answers.

But even more fascinating is the membership of these bodies and, in particular, their interlocking with the membership of similar government bodies. On May 2 this year, Mr Holland asked the Secretary for Employment to list the full-time occupations and part-time government appointments held by each part-time member of ACAS.

By far the largest number, 13, was held by Mr Jack Jones, CH, MBE, formerly General Secretary of the TGWU. The second longest list of other offices held by an ACAS part-time member is that of Sir George Smith, General Secretary of the Union of Construction, Allied Trades, and Technicians, who has six part-time jobs. And Mr Harry Urwin, the present Deputy General Secretary of the TGWU, is on nine "quangos".

But, of course, a proliferation of influence in the "quangos" is by no means confined to trade unionists: academics of a sympathetic kind are also much represented.

If we turn to the Central Arbitration Committee, which is the final court of appeal for ACAS recommendations, we find that the chairman, Professor J. C. Wood of Sheffield, is chairman of six wages councils for particular industries; he is a member of the Police Negotiating Machinery; a member of the ILO Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations; a member of the Committee of Inquiry on Police Pay; and a member of the National Health Review Board. What with Sheffield too, he must be a very busy man.

It is also an interesting manifestation of the interlocking process in the world of the "quango" that 13 of the deputy chairmen of the central Arbitration Committee are ACAS arbitrators, and there are among them a number of wages council appointments.

Some important questions of principle and practice arise from the use of "quangos" in dealing with industrial relations. Is it really better to try to sort out industrial problems by putting together two sides of a quarrel to sort it out—or was the job done better by the old Whitehall industrial conciliation officers whom ACAS replaced?

And that question assumes a particular significance when one examines the balance of influence on these boards which, if their trade union and academic side are taken together, clearly tilts to left-of-centre politics (and even those representing management tend to come from the CBI and other associations involved with Government).

At least the question ought to be asked whether, for instance, it inspires confidence in the procedure when recommendations seem generally to go in favour of a particular union which is heavily represented on the "quango" which makes them.

But it is as well to keep a sense of humour. I therefore finish with Mr Holland's enquiries to Mrs Shirley Williams about the various Research Councils for which she is responsible. Mr Holland wanted to know to what extent the councils' activities might overlap and, in a gem of a letter too long to quote, Mrs Williams explained that there were "comprehensive arrangements to ensure that there is no wasteful duplications".

These arrangements include (another "quango") the Advisory Board for the Research Councils (ABRC) which advises on her responsibilities for civil science and on the distribution of responsibilities that cross the boundaries between councils.

The ABRC, said Mrs Williams reassuringly, has established committees to examine the distribution of responsibilities. Each council also has assessorship on the other; there is an exchange of papers and joint boards have been set up, including the Inter-Council coordinating Committee which has sub-groups, etc, etc.

"I hope", says Mrs Williams kindly at the end of her letter, "you will find this reassuring." Well, yes, but rather more, no. Her letter is itself a remarkable demonstration of the proliferation of "quangos" and committees to watch "quangos", with paper flying right and left.

And who pays? Well, we all do, and obviously. But Mrs Thatcher has a major week-end job to do if she comes to power in the interests of economy. But the cost, even the patronage perks, are the Government's friends, less significant than the influence.

It is the seeping, spreading, all-embracing interlocking influence over the lives of all of us from people we did not elect and do not know personally; it is the "courts" set up by ministers to administer the law that they caused to be passed, so upsetting the ordinary judicial processes, which should really worry us.

Can Mr Callaghan fly in the face of electoral history?

If all goes according to prediction, sometime this October Mr Callaghan will try to do what no British Prime Minister has done for nearly 20 years. He will seek to secure the re-election of a government after a nearly full term of office. The only occasions when a sitting government has won an election, since Mr Macmillan's victory of 1959, have been the two Labour wins of 1966 and 1974. But both of these were in large measure the confirmation of a result which had hesitantly been achieved in the earlier elections of October 1964 and February 1974. The elections in which governments have had a full record on which to be judged, as for Conservative in 1964, and Labour in 1970 and February 1974, have ended in their defeat.

The failures of the British economy have done much to produce these one-term governments, and the state of the economy will dominate the election to come. The present Labour Government has had a bruising time in four years. But short-term developments in the economy in the run-up to the election are likely to be the most favourable experienced by any government since the 1966 election which produced a Labour majority of over 100.

Such short-term developments, on their own, may well not be enough to win it for them. Some of the improvement in living standards has already occurred yet Labour is falling behind in the polls. Two factors may account for this. One is that it usually takes some time for improvements in living standards to be reflected in changes in voting behaviour. The other is that many people are worried that the economy is starting to slide out of control. Much electioneering will be about the conflict between a Government pointing out that things have started to improve for most people and an Opposition arguing that the improvement will be short-lived. Which side will be helped by the economic statistics in this argument?

The first point to clarify is that it is unlikely that we shall see any statistics in the run-up to the election which have the impact of the bad trade figures in 1970, figures which many people believe cost Labour the election. Those trade figures—a deficit of £31m—were important because they suggested failure in the one area in which the Government had staked its credibility, a recovery in the balance of payments.

Payments figures are a particularly dangerous thing to rely on because they are subject to wild fluctuations from month to month. This year we have seen a deficit of £338m and a surplus of £223m. The overall picture is likely to be one of broad balance. In addition the Government has not staked its reputation on the balance of payments. The two factors taken together have pushed the trade figures down the league table of economic indicators which influence elections. If the election comes in the autumn, the likelihood is that the last set of trade figures published will show a small deficit with the current account roughly in balance. So the trade position is unlikely to loom large in short-term electoral talk.

Nor does there now seem much likelihood of a new sterling crisis before October producing a violent swing against the Government. Restrictions on money supply and the decision to increase National Insurance contributions sparked off a boom in gilt-edged stock which means that the authorities have no domestic monetary worries for the rest of the summer. Indeed money supply (which is in any case rather abstract to most people) will probably be falling.

The continuing weakness of the dollar, with warnings of worse to come before it gets better, means that sterling will probably stay quite strong against the American currency until at least the autumn and probably beyond. There is certainly no reason why a government with exchange reserves as large as this one has should be faced with a panic.

If the external world can be kept at a distance in this way, economic debate in the election will be about inflation and jobs. In practice, many people will be influenced not just by the way these are moving but also by how their own living standards are going. Inflation at about 8 per cent is a great deal more tolerable in the short term if wages are rising by nearly 15 per cent as both are running now.

The chart shows that attitudes in politics have often tended to move in step with living standards. The Labour Government of February, 1974, was able to engineer a mini-boom before its reelection in October, a boom which peaked at the end of the year when Labour had a 14 point lead in the opinion polls.

Then living standards started to decline in 1975 and so did Labour's performance in the polls. Sometime around the turn of that year there was a short upsurge in both, caused by the April Budget of 1976, with its tax giveaways, promising the hope of more to come, but the reality was that living standards at best held steady and so did the Government's performance.

It is at the end of that year that the simple correlation breaks down, and the cause is obvious. The sterling crisis of autumn 1976 destroyed confidence in the Government's management of the economy. Until then, things had been going fairly well for the Government, with inflation starting to come down under the influence of the first round of pay policy and living standards showing some signs of being about to rise.

The sterling crisis did two things. It made people feel the economy was out of control and by the end of the year it was starting to push up prices in the shops. In the first half of 1977 this increase in prices was eating into living standards and this shows in the consistently high leads being recorded by the Conservatives.

It was not until late summer that the remarkable turnround in confidence began to work through to ordinary voters, both through the generally rosier picture that was being painted by the media and the fact that their living standards were going up as inflation went down. During periods when pay is fixed by firm incomes policies, living standards are determined by inflation (falling) and tax burdens (cut in the spring, 1977, Budget and again later that year).

Where things have worked to the Government's advantage is that this period has been succeeded by another in which living standards have begun to soar. Inflation has been falling, because it always lags behind wages and import prices, and so it has reflected the great improvement continuing until the early autumn of last year. Earnings have started to accelerate again because the latest round of incomes policy has been watched much less closely. And on top of it all the tax cuts have kept coming.

By the end of 1977 Labour was level again with the Conservatives. Then in the first few months of this year there was a swing. Much of this may have been caused by Mrs Thatcher's comments on immigration, but the fact that there was a slight fall in living standards cannot have helped the Government.

Now living standards are rising again, with an extra £18 from the Chancellor in standard tax payers' pay packets this week to help them on their way. The best estimate I can make is that by the election living standards will be about 4 per cent higher than they were six months previously. They will also be about 8 per cent higher than they were in October 1977.

Only in 1966 has a government managed to generate a rise of living standards quite so fast, though they came close in 1970, as did the final result. If living standards in the short term were all that mattered (and voters often have a short term view of the past) Labour should walk in.

But if Mr Callaghan decides to wait until the spring, as some of his advisers are suggesting, he could start running into trouble. For unless there is another giveaway budget (which would risk provoking the sterling crisis which otherwise seems ruled out) living standards will fall in the first quarter of next year, by about 1½ per cent. And the economic picture will also look much less favourable, with double-digit inflation very likely.

In an October election the figures are likely to favour the Labour Party. But by spring some of the worrying trends, on which the Conservatives will be trying to focus their campaign, will have started to come through to the shops.

In October Government ministers will want to focus all the attention they can on their success in bringing down the annual rate of inflation to around 8 per cent. Because it reflects prices today compared with a year ago, the annual inflation rate is very slow to change. That is why Mr Hattersley was almost certainly right in his firm assertion that this figure would stay where it now is right up to the latter part of the year. If Mr Callaghan goes to the polls on October 12 the last published price index will have come out nearly a month before and only give figures up to August. If they wait till October 19, the September figures will be available. Like the trade figures a new set will be published on October 13.

There is, however, another measure of inflation which is generally looked on by economists as a more reliable measure of what is really happening to prices. This excludes seasonal foods (which fall in price in the summer) and compares prices over six months.

The six-month period is the happiest mean between using the very slow to adjust annual figure and over-sensitive reliance on one or three month periods (Mr Healey's figure of 8.4 per cent inflation in 1974 was a three-month figure).

In an October election the six-month figure will be running at an annual rate of around 10 per cent; we cannot predict yet whether it will go up to the magic "double-digit". Conservative advocates will therefore have the uphill task of persuading voters that an index which they usually never look at is the "real" measure of inflation rather than the annual rate they know.

Worries about the way wages have been allowed to grow may persuade some people that inflation is starting to rise and they will get support when wholesale price figures are published on October 9, just 3 days before the most widely tipped polling day. The trend of inflation just before the election is, however, not likely to provide much ammunition for the Conservatives. They will have to fight to convince people that what they see happening will not last, which is a much more difficult task for an opposition than to try to blame government for what everyone accepts is going wrong.

Indeed, the most recent opinion polls, such as those carried out by MORI suggest that in the public mind inflation is slipping down the list of issues, which reflects a feeling that it is more under control. Its place has been taken by unemployment in the [illegible] tion of the mos[illegible] prac[illegible] single issue facing the Gov[illegible]ment. Yet here too the s[illegible]term figures are likely to favourable to Mr Calla[illegible] The last unemployment fi[illegible] to be published will released two days before final day for announcing election if it is to be he[illegible] October 12; postponing October 19 would give time the October figures to be lished.

It is now clear that u[illegible]ployment is moving slowly definitely downwards as it been doing since October. The fall in the seasonally adjusted figure for adult small, usually only a few thousand a month; but it has unbroken until this month the number of vacancies also been increasing.

It seems likely that [illegible] will be a further fall in u[illegible]ployment in the last se[illegible] figures to be published be the election. If the crude [illegible] including school-leavers, taken into account this could be even greater tha[illegible] the absolute total would course be larger.

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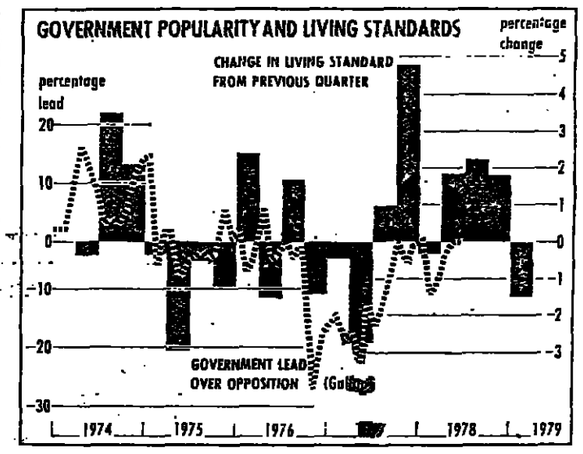
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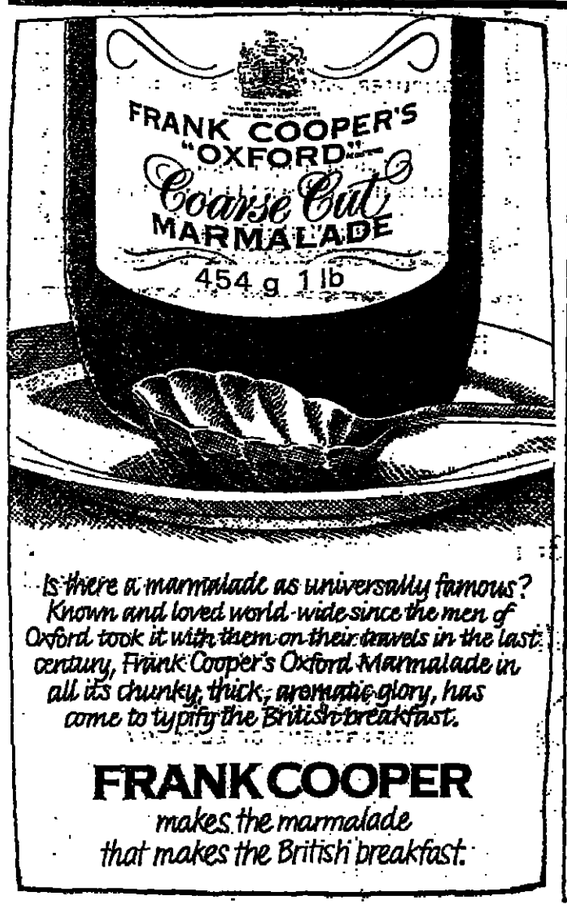
The Conservatives will argue that the price of p[illegible]perity in 1978 will have to paid in 1979 and that the s[illegible] of the economy would be m[illegible] better if they had been charge since 1974. But (as table shows) the Governm[illegible] goes into this election in unique position. Although overall state of the economy worse than at any elect[illegible] since the war the recent p[illegible] is working almost entirely their favour. By luck and judgment they have crea[illegible] the very model of a pre-el[illegible]tion boom. We shall have wait until October to see if pays off.

David Blai

Economic indicators ahead of general elections

Election	000 UK unemployment seasonally adjusted (%)	000 change in unemployment at monthly rate over previous 6 months (total since previous general election)	Annual % change on personal income over previous 6 months (since previous general election)	Annual % rise in retail prices over previous 6 months (since previous general election)	Nominal average earnings % change over previous 6 months at annual rate	Annualized visible trade balance in previous 6 months (£m seasonally adjusted)
1959	461.4 (1.9)	4.8 (230)	1.8 (0.6)	−2.3 (3)	n a n a	n a n a
1964	389.9 (1.53)	−4.8 (−45.8)	4.3 (4.8)	3.4 (3)	8.1	−332
1966	302.1 (1.18)	−8.3 (−51.7)	9.8 (4.1)	2.8 (3.6)	9.3	−140
1970	597.8 (2.35)	8.5 (283.3)	6.6 (1.9)	8.8 (4.2)	17.2	−48
1974 (Feb)	577.1 (2.26)	−0.3 (−29.7)	−3.7 (3.8)	16.1 (8.1)	5.5	−4,476
1974 (Oct)	613.7 (2.38)	6.1 (36.3)	5.6 (5.6)	17.9	36	−5,176
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Ballet for All is a little too popular

Ballet for All, the Royal Ballet's small-scale touring group, looks like paying a penalty for its success. The Arts Council and officials at Covent Garden are discussing a change in the group's approach.

When Ballet for All started in the early 1960s it was essentially an educational group, providing lecture-demonstrations in schools and youth clubs. "Over the years, the entertainment part has taken over", Norman Morrice, the Royal Ballet director, said. "In the past few years it has more and more been playing weekly dates in theatres."

He accepted that that had happened because the group was popular, but feared that before long it might become a third Royal Ballet company.

The Arts Council, which sponsors Ballet for All, also wants it to revert to more educational work, and is awaiting Covent Garden's proposals.

Covent Garden has told Ballet for All not to accept any bookings after next March, causing worries that the group was being disbanded. Mr Morrice insisted that no one wanted that. They aimed to keep it going, but wanted it to spend much more time in schools.

The nine dancers and actors are appearing this week at the Sherman Theatre, Cardiff, presenting *The World of Giselle* and *Tchaikovsky and His Ballets*.

Ballet for All's future may be undecided, but it is pressing ahead with new productions: Adrian Grater, the director, is planning a programme based on the ballets of Sir Frederick Ashton, and there may be another programme in the spring, possibly based on modern works in the Royal Ballet's repertoire.

A decision on the group's future should be announced in September.

In 1931 George Thalben-Ball recorded, on the old Alexandra Palace organ, his famous transcription of Wagner's Ride of the Valkyries. In spite of appeals, he has not played it since, for lack of the right instrument. But on Sunday he returns to Ally-Pally to use a 380-speaker digital computer organ, belonging to the American organist Carlo Curley, to perform the Ride again.

The revolve that won't

The wonderful new computer control system for the stage equipment at the National Theatre looks as if it will not be working properly until some time next year.

The big revolve on the stage in the Olivier auditorium "is now, broadly speaking, finished", said the South Bank Theatre Board, which is responsible for building the National. The revolve has a habit of creaking, but attempts are being made to stop that.

It is not being used because the control system is still undergoing trials.

For the same reason the flying systems for moving scenery in the Olivier and Lyttelton theatres are unusable; instead of one man pressing a button, teams of men have to move the sets on and off the stages.

The staff at the National hope, without any great optimism, that the system will be in use next year; they would not be surprised if it took another 18 months, four years since the building was opened officially.

The theatre board was "not nearly so pessimistic". It said work on the computer system was going according to plan, but refused to say when everything would be finished.

In the meantime, if playgoers wonder why the National is putting on fewer new productions, the answer lies partly in the £200,000 annual cost of the labour to replace the idle machinery.

When a few drops of rain started falling during Monday's first night of the Yeomen of the Guard in the Tower of London moat, the smartly dressed audience, including Prince Charles, sat unprotected, but covers were quickly drawn over the orchestra. Via microphones, the musicians could still be heard, although only the conductor, Alexander Faris, could be seen, under a natty perspex canopy. This arrangement had one snag: most of the players could only see the conductor's legs. So Faris had to conduct bending down—raising an arm high when he wanted to cue the singers. Luckily, for both him and the audience, the shower soon died away.

Peter Brook's travels

The theatre world is already becoming excited over the return to England this autumn of Peter Brook, who will be directing Glenda Jackson and Alan Howard in *Antony and Cleopatra*, for the Royal Shakespeare Company at Stratford on Avon.

Meanwhile another Brook project is finally reaching fruition: his first film for nearly a decade, *Meetings with Remarkable Men*, should be completed in October.

The film is based on the book by Georgi Gurdjieff—a man variously described as a sage and a charlatan. It chronicles Gurdjieff's stories about his travels early this century from his boyhood home in Caucasian Russia through Anatolia, Egypt, the Gobi Desert and the Hindu Kush. Most of the filming was in fact done in Afghanistan.

Typically, Brook's cast is multinational: Gurdjieff is played by a Yugoslav, Dragan Maksimovic, while the cast also includes Iranian and French actors, as well as Terence Stamp, Athol Fugard and Warren Mitchell.



At present Brook is touring South America with his troupe from the Theatre des Bouffes du Nord in Paris, but he should arrive in England at the end of the month to begin rehearsals at Stratford.

He will then complete editing of the picture. Stuart Lyons, the producer, hopes the film would reach the cinemas before the end of the year.

Corks popping at the LSO

The London Symphony Orchestra, which is not unknown for activities involving alcohol, launched into the wine field yesterday with a seven-inch record for distribution at the World Wine Fair in Bristol.

Lawler's of London commissioned a recording of Strauss' Blue Danube Waltz, to promote their Blue Danube wine, and for side two, the Champagne Polka was selected.

To ensure complete authenticity, the LSO's principal percussionist Michael Frye took to the studio with a crate of champagne, popping off corks until he achieved the desired sound.

Eight bottles were used in the recording; there are no prizes for guessing what the orchestra did with the contents.

Martin Huckerby

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THE SECRECY OF POWER

Mr James Margach, former Political Correspondent of *The Sunday Times*, declared earlier this year in a sharp volume of recollections, *The Abuse of Power*, that a tempestuous and never-ending war, whose very existence was the unmentionable secret of British politics, was being waged between Downing Street and Fleet Street, Whitehall and the Press. It was the first priority of most of the Prime Ministers he had known. "Two objectives possessed them. First to establish and fortify their personal power; and secondly to reinforce the conspiracy of secrecy, to preserve the sanctity of Government behind the walls of Whitehall's forbidden city".

The publication yesterday of a White Paper on the reform of Section 2 of the Official Secrets Act, 1911, represents a significant engagement in that perpetual conflict. Though the document bears the imprint of the Home Office, its inspiration comes from Downing Street. We have it from no less an authority than Sir John Hunt, Secretary of the Cabinet, in his evidence during the Crossman Diary hearings, that "as head of the government of the day he [the Prime Minister] is responsible for policy throughout this whole field, policy on openness or secrecy, policy on the Public Records Act and the policy towards memoirs". In maintaining the ramparts of Whitehall's forbidden city, Mr Callaghan, is, as in so many other ways, a Prime Minister in the traditional mould.

A tactical defeat

Section 2 of the 1911 Act, as the Franks report made clear in 1972, was intended to operate as a general check against Civil Service leaks of all kinds and not just those affecting the safety of the state. This formidable barrier against publishing any information the Government chose to call classified lasted, with occasional breaches usually from former Prime Ministers in their anecdotage, until *The Sunday Telegraph* case in 1971 made it a dead letter. Should the proposed Official Information Bill reach the statute book, the scope of secrets legislation will have been reduced on paper but the Government will have a usable secrets law once more. Civil servants, members of the Armed Forces, ministers of the crown, and policemen, though not, mercifully, the recipients of their unauthorized leaks—unless financial gain is involved—could start going to prison for up to two years. In Mr Margach's never-ending war, this represents a tactical defeat for the opponents of excessive secrecy. Representatives of newspapers and broadcasting organizations should think hard and long before affording it a seal of approval by collaborating in the proposed joint committee on classification.

The putative Official Information Bill might be easier to swallow if the Government had not demonstrated so blatantly yesterday that it cannot be relied on for the voluntary disclosure of more information under the Prime Minister's open government policy announced last year. Sir Douglas Allen (now Lord Croham), then Head of the Home Civil Service, elaborated Mr Callaghan's policy in a letter to permanent secretaries on July 6, 1977. Its critical paragraph six instructed departments "when policy studies are being undertaken in future, the background material should, as far as possible, be written in a form which would permit it to be published separately, with the minimum of alteration, once a ministerial decision to do so has been taken".

Formal requests yesterday from *The Times* to the Home Office and the Civil Service Department for background papers used to brief GEN 29, the Cabinet Committee which drafted the White Paper, yielded nothing. Those with a taste for irony can only exult when a White Paper on the reform of secrecy fails to achieve the minimal openness laid down under existing guide lines. There are two possible interpretations of this dereliction. If the Franks report of 1971 is, as the Home Office claims, the background material for ministerial decision, that suggests a strange indolence on the part of latter-day civil servants. What have Sir John Hunt and Mr William McIndoe of the Cabinet Office, Mr Neil Cairncross, Mr Anthony Brennan and Mr Anthony Langdon of the Home Office, Mr John Moore and Mr Alan Duke of the Civil Service Department been doing with their admirable talents these past two years in servicing GEN 29? The second interpretation is that they have deliberately floured Lord Croham's instructions and have not prepared policy briefs in the way intended.

The next stage of the debate will focus on possible moves towards British freedom of information legislation after studies have been made, at long last, of foreign experience. Mr Merlyn Rees, the Home Secretary, at least had the honesty to admit to the Commons yesterday that Whitehall had not yet examined overseas practices "in depth". So much for Labour's manifesto pledge of October 1974 to replace the Official Secrets Act with a statute placing the onus on public authorities for withholding information.

Promises not kept

Given its lamentable performance to date in failing to study foreign practices fully and its inability to comply with instructions from its own head of department about background briefs, Mr John Moore's committee on official information is not fit to carry out the new research promised by the Government. If the Cabinet wishes to regain some credibility it should commission an outside body to do it. There would then be less chance of inflated estimates of the cost of freedom of information legislation—Whitehall's first line of attack in poob-poohing its protagonists—being paraded as hard fact. Mr William Plowden, a former member of the Central Policy Review Staff, left the Department of Industry earlier this month to become Director of the Royal Institute of Public Administration. The Institute is preparing a new research programme. Mr Plowden would enjoy the confidence of Whitehall and its critics on this matter. The Social Science Research Council, which is not short of funds at present after the collapse of its "British Brookings" initiative, should sponsor an RIPA study of American and Swedish practices and possible British adaptations.

The Government has not honoured its promises, but no more can be expected from the Conservatives should they form a government. In a recent Commons debate on official secrets, Mr Brynmor John, Minister of State at the Home Office, tried to secure a pledge from the Tories that they would abide by the terms of Lord Croham's letter. All Sir Michael Havers had to say was that the Shadow Cabinet did not believe in unnecessary secrecy.

British government has not been so successful in advancing the welfare of the country that the habit of secrecy can be justified by results. Some secrecy is necessary for government, but nothing like as much as is practised in London. The cause of public information is not merely a search by newspapers for more grist for their mills. It is important to efficiency and to democracy.

GRADUATES TURN TOWARDS INDUSTRY

While the latest monthly unemployment figures begin once again to falter, the university production lines continue to roll their products on to the labour market in steadily increasing numbers. Ever since the national unemployment trend began to rise sharply four years ago, this has given rise to fears that many graduates might find themselves unemployable. Jobs in the public sector were cut back, while in private industry the recruitment of graduates (highly paid in relation to their initial usefulness) has all too commonly been seen as something of a luxury, apt for discarding in lean times. But figures published yesterday by the Graduate Careers Advisory Services show that opportunities for new graduates continued to improve last year against the national trend.

There was a significant change in the destination of these new graduates. The proportion entering the public sector perceptibly declined, while that going into manufacturing industry rose. The change is even more striking than the figures indicate, since the public sector figures include doctors and dentists (whose numbers are increasing) and exclude graduates planning to train as teachers (whose numbers have, of course, fallen strikingly). At the same time, smaller numbers are going in for further academic study.

It has long been claimed that one of the causes of Britain's decline in economic performance is the low esteem in which business is held, particularly in the universities. As a result, capable people of the kind needed to manage complex modern enterprises turn to the public service or to academic life. Career patterns as well as attitudes of mind ensure that there is too little contact between the three worlds. In practice, more than the ivory tower mentality is involved: there needs to be much more readiness in industry, for instance, to compete better with the public sector in job security. As the Japanese know, the best potential managers will be reluctant to give a company the best years of their life if there is a high risk of their being discarded prematurely later on, as too often happens in Britain.

When the Government began to proclaim its concern with utility in education last year, the shortcomings of the universities became a prominent part of its theme. The University Grants Committee warned universities that there must be an end to expansion in courses in the arts and social sciences, and early this year urged them to increase their proportions of science students. Special official favour has been given to industrial engineering and part-time courses for people already embarked in careers in industry or the professions.

The shift in employment patterns shown yesterday cannot be an effect of these policy changes, of course. Rather, it indicates the readiness of graduates to adapt to a changed market, and also that of business employers to maintain their faith in the long-term value of graduate recruitment, even in adverse times. But the trend is likely to continue: the Universities Central Council on Admissions's analysis of this year's applications for university courses shows a strong growth of interest in engineering, business management, accountancy and the sciences. There has been a slump in sociology. Tomorrow's graduates have already recognized the new climate. To the extent that the trend draws the able into the positions where they can apply their powers most productively in the national interest, it can only be welcomed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Restoring the British economy to health

From Professor Sidney Pollard

Sir, The answer to Lord Kaldor (*The Times*, July 14) is that while Montagu Norman had only 11 years (c 1920-1931) to damage the British economy, the Treasury have had over 30 years since the end of the last war. In that period, they have transformed the strongest, the technologically most advanced and most promising of European industrialized economies into the weakest, poorest and the most backward. It is an achievement of economic mismanagement unparalleled in the annals of the civilized world.

And the tragedy is that even today, after over 30 years of the most resounding failure, neither the Treasury nor those who achieved high honours in advising them, seem to have the slightest inkling that there is anything wrong or that they have anything to apologize for. They do not even consider that they have anything to learn from those who managed their affairs so very much better.

Yours faithfully,
S. POLLARD,
Department of Economic and Social History,
University of Sheffield,
Sheffield,
July 14.

From Mr Leonard Griffiths

Sir, It is ironic that you should publish Mr Rees-Mogg's excellent article on the merits of gold over paper currencies on the same day that you print a letter from Lord Kaldor propagating myths on the same subject.

It is quite true that our five year spell on the Gold Standard between 1926 and 1931 were indeed followed by three million unemployed and all the associated disaster that that brought in its wake. However, Lord Kaldor makes the very common error of attributing the latter to the former.

It was not the act of returning to the Gold Standard that was wrong but doing so at an absurdly unrealistic parity, ie, the same parity which existed before the First World War in 1914.

Yours faithfully,
LEONARD GRIFFITHS,
Quicksett House,
Everleigh,
Marlborough,
Wiltshire.
July 14.

From Mr Michael Kovari

Sir, Mr William Rees-Mogg advocates a return to the gold standard. What conceivable objection is there to a realistic monetary standard, based upon useful commodities? It is a miracle that capitalist economies have survived without one.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL KOVARI,
82 Amity Grove, SW20.
July 14.

From Mr Edward Maynard Pinkney

Sir, The range of your review (July 14) of Roy W. Jastram's book *The Golden Constant* points a lesson to today's statesmen, economists and bystanders. That range, from Elizabeth I to now, could well be extended by a quick look at the financial success of the Byzantine Empire.

For over six centuries Byzantium's gold based coinage retained its value—from Constantine the Great to Nicephorus Botaniates (d 1081), thereafter the gold exchange was tampered with and in due course the Empire fell. Byzantium's tragedy is like ours: a financial one.

Yours etc,
EDWARD MAYNARD PINKNEY,
28 South Hill Park, NW3.
July 14.

From Mr Wynne Godley

Sir, I cannot understand Mr Congdon's statement (*The Times*, July 15) that my letter (*The Times*, July 10) did not meet the central argument of your leader that none of the effects on output and employment had followed from the enormous fiscal disinflation which you had recommended in 1976 and which "did in fact take place". The main content of my letter was precisely a demonstration of the fact that the disinflation in 1977-78 had *not* been nearly so large as you had previously recommended, particularly if the window dressing transactions in financial assets are ignored (Mr Posner (*The Times*, July 18) seems to agree with Mr Congdon on this particular point but if he does so I think he is wrong).

Mr Congdon's letter in no way whatever qualifies my proposition insofar as this relates to the comparison (which had been made in your leaders) of the whole financial year 1977-78 with the previous year.

In an attempt to establish his contention Mr Congdon has resort to an arbitrary comparison of the second quarter of 1976-77 on the one hand with the average of the second and third quarters of 1977-78 on the other hand, and points out that there was a fall of about £5 billion if both are expressed as annual rates, though to be precise it was only £4.3 billion.

However, the comparison between these periods is extremely misleading on account of the large fluctuations in the quarterly series as well as other reasons. Thus if the third quarter of 1976-77 rather than the second quarter is taken as the starting point (as it equally well could have been) the reduction was only about £2 billion. Furthermore the use of the two middle quarters of 1977-78 is particularly misleading since this was when a substantial part of the window dressing transactions in financial assets occurred. Moreover, as these transactions were of a once-for-all nature they cannot properly be incorporated into an estimate of the deficit expressed at an annual rate.

But the main error in the contentions both of your leader and those of Mr Congdon is that of comparing the change in the deficit ex post with a corresponding change in the deficit looked at ex-ante.

Your recommendation in September 1976 was that measures should be taken which would reduce the deficit in 1977-78 by £5 billion compared not with 1976-77 but with what you then expected the deficit to be in 1977-78.

As I pointed out at the time, this would have required restrictive measures well in excess of £5 billion (perhaps £7 to £8 billion) because of the lower level of output and employment they would have brought about. By my reckoning the total of all the fiscal measures taken after September, 1976, and which affected 1977-78 in fact comes to only a little over £2 billion, even if the shortfall in public spending is included in the calculation.

Even as it was, output stagnated during 1977 and unemployment at the end of the year was 100,000 higher than a year earlier—less than I would have expected but then I did not fully foresee how adverse would be the effect of prolonged stagnation on productivity. More recently there has been some recovery in real demand and output but this was partly the result of the fiscal relaxation which has taken place since last autumn, and partly because of the improvement in the terms of trade, which had many causes unrelated to the reduction in the Budget deficit. It is most unclear that any significant part of the recent recovery was a consequence of lower interest rates as Mr Congdon claims.

Yours faithfully,
WYNNE GODLEY,
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July 19.

From Dr Jeremy Bray, MP for Motherwell and Wishaw (Labour)

Sir, The two purposes of the Bremen proposals are first to stabilize exchange rates and damp down speculative flows, and second to secure some convergence of European economies particularly in the avoidance of inflation. To reach agreement it may be necessary to allow differing speeds of approach to these different objectives.

To plunge directly into fixing relative exchange rates in a narrow band, with periodic adjustments of central exchange rates to differing inflation rates could bring back all the trauma of the balance of payments crises of the fifties and sixties.

One possibility is to fix not only central exchange rates, but also the direction and speed of movement of the central rates, establishing a presumption for relative short term interest rates. Thus the central exchange rate of the pound against the mark might be fixed at 3.45 marks to the pound (currently it is 3.85), declining steadily at an annual rate of 5 per cent per annum if that was the difference in inflation rates expected over the next year. On this basis short term interest rates would tend to be 5 per cent lower in Germany than in Britain. That is the price of higher inflation. The rate of 3.45 and its rate of change of 5 per cent pa would be publicly announced. Abrupt changes of both relative exchange rates and relative interest rates should be avoided.

Such an arrangement makes possible a smooth initiation of the Bremen scheme while we continue efforts to reduce our rate of inflation.

Last week in the *New Statesman* (July 14) in an exercise with the Treasury model, I demonstrated the role an exchange rate policy could play in a strategy to reduce unemployment in the United Kingdom. Such a strategy would benefit from such a modified Bremen-type scheme. The design of such a stabilization scheme is an exercise within the scope of available techniques.

Chancellor Schmidt and President Giscard d'Estaing might reflect that such a scheme would enable them to achieve their main objectives at a speed compatible with the performance of different European economies without introducing first and second class membership of the European Community. At the same time critics of the sub-ergence of British economic interests might reflect that none of our instruments of economic policy was being abandoned.

Perhaps my colleague, Bryan Gould (*The Times* July 17) would agree that under such a scheme his misgivings and those of many in the Labour Party about the Bremen proposals might be allayed.

Yours faithfully,
JEREMY BRAY,
House of Commons.
July 18.

The pathological gambler

From Mr Howard Rankin

Sir, As a psychologist who has an ever increasing list of subscribers to his gambling clinic, I find it more than a little disappointing that the Royal Commission on Gambling chose to "hedge their bets" on the question of pathological gambling.

Surely the most informal researchers of groups such as Gamblers Anonymous, psychiatric clinics and even GPs' surgeries would have revealed a significant number of people who deprive their families, steal from their children, cheat their employers and are driven to the very depths of despair by a compulsion to the gambling habit. Ignorance of the exact numbers of such unfortunate people is rather less important than the indisputed fact that they do actually exist. By simply making the ubiquitous call for more research the Royal Commission has neatly sidestepped a critical and real issue.

What further research will confirm, however, is that the commission's laudable efforts to keep the public fully informed as to the pay off of each gambling activity will, in contradiction to the implication of your editorial of July 13, be of little help to the pathological gambler who typically is only too aware of the probabilities associated with each type of bet. Indeed research into pathological gamblers that has concentrated on a model of incorrect perception of probabilities by the gambler is sadly inappropriate.

Further research will, I believe, also contradict your editorial in that it will show that whilst some gambling activities are currently more associated with pathological gambling any gambling activity, even lotteries and pools, are potentially addictive and therefore have a degree of danger attached to them.

Yours sincerely,
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July 14.

Freedom of information

From the Minister of State for the Civil Service Department

Sir, It would appear that, regrettably, Mr Roger Darlington in his letter of July 10 seems to have a confused understanding of the comments made by me, relating to openness in Government in the interview I had with Mr Peter Hennessy (*The Times*, July 7).

I did not say to Mr Hennessy (and perhaps, more significantly, Mr Hennessy did not report me as saying) that there had been a study of the possible shape of British freedom of information legislation. I said that there had been continuing study by officials of greater openness against the background of a public campaign on "the right to know"; also that we had been seeking to examine the experience of other administrations. An examination of *The Times* interview will confirm this fact.

With Mr Darlington's inside knowledge of the workings of the Whitehall machine, it should come as no surprise to him that officials responsible for this aspect of Government policy should have been so engaged.

Yours sincerely,
CHARLES R. MORRIS,
Civil Service Department,
Whitehall, SW1.
July 18.

Top salary increases

From Professor Hugh Seton-Watson

Sir, The quarrel in your columns between Sir Norman Chester (July 5) and Admiral of the Fleet Sir Peter Hill-Norton (July 11) is a sad sign of the times. They should be on the same side, for the two professions to which they belong are fellow victims of the contemporary public ethos and government policies. Whether one admiral is worth three professors is no more capable of demonstration than the number of angels that can dance on the point of a needle. Neither dons nor sailors are machines, with productivity quantifiable by the number of students whom they spoon feed or of enemies whom they blow up.

In an age when short term material gain is adjudged the sole purpose of life, and only those prosper who have the "muscle" to blackmail the public into giving them what they want, two professions which have only an ethos of service or of search for knowledge to offer, cannot exert much leverage: but at least they can fight their rearguard action side by side. Sir Peter and Sir Norman might reflect that sailors, both before and since the great Captain Cook, have been found to make their contributions to knowledge, and that professors—and lowly lecturers too—have been known to give some service to the state. Must the merchants of envy score yet another success while those who should uphold more honourable traditions hurl verbal brickbats at each other?

Yours faithfully,
HUGH SETON-WATSON,
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Wimbledon, SW19.
July 14.

Roman Catholic sovereign

From the Headmaster of Cardinal Vaughan School

Sir, With regard to the Reverend Roberts' fear (July 6) that at the hands of a Roman Catholic sovereign of the United Kingdom "the ultimate secrets of State might possibly, through conscience, be made available to what is not only a Church but a foreign power", I wonder if I might draw attention to a statement made by President Kennedy during his election campaign to the Greater Houston Ministerial Association in September, 1959:

"If my Church attempted to influence me in a way which was improper or which affected adversely my responsibilities as a public servant, sworn to uphold the Constitution, then I would reply to them that this was an improper action on their part, that it was one to which I could not subscribe, that I was opposed to it, and that it would be an unfortunate breach—an interference with the American political system . . . I am confident there would be no such interference."

Is there any reason to suppose that a Roman Catholic sovereign of the United Kingdom would behave differently?

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY PELLEGRINI,
Headmaster,
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Addison Road, W14.
July 7.

Grants to Rhodesians

From Sir Cyril Black

Sir, My friend and fellow Baptist, Dr Ernest Payne, argues his case with all the cogency and sincerity that his friends have come to expect from him. Nevertheless, I shall not be alone in remaining unconvinced. He seeks to justify the World Council of Churches Fund to Combat Racism on two main grounds:

(1) That grants have been made to the groups led by Bishop Muzorewa and the Rev Sithole as well as to ZANU and ZAPU, and

(2) That all grants have been given for humanitarian and not military purposes. I understand that the WCC does not "monitor" the use to which its grants are put, because it believes, I think correctly, that it would be impossible to do so.

I would contend that this programme is unacceptable for two main reasons:

(1) It assumes, on the one hand, that the Muzorewa and Sithole groups, which seek to achieve black majority rule in Rhodesia by peaceful and democratic means, and, on the other hand, ZANU and ZAPU, which are engaged in violence of a bestial and brutal character, and are set upon plunging Rhodesia into a blood bath, are to be treated by Christian people as entitled to parity of treatment and esteem, and

(2) It is also apparently assumed by the WCC that ZANU and ZAPU each meticulously keep two separate bank accounts, one for humanitarian, and the other for military, purposes, and that the grants received are carefully put into the correct bank account!

I am inclined to think that anyone who believes that will believe anything!

In spite of its prestigious title the WCC has in its membership Churches containing only a minority of Christians in the world. It is also the case that only some of the member Churches contribute to the Fund to Combat Racism. It is my belief that the WCC will have no hope of substantially increasing its membership, and achieving the position its title implies, until it drastically alters its methods and policies.

Yours faithfully,
CYRIL BLACK,
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179-187 Arthur Road, SW19.
July 7.

Welsh college posts

From Mr A. J. Crozier

Sir, May I, as President of the local branch of the Association of University Teachers, entirely support the views expressed by Sir Charles Evans in his letter of June 29. No instance of non-Welsh-speaking candidates being given preference over Welsh-speaking candidates has ever been brought to our notice.

Yours faithfully,
A. J. CROZIER,
Department of History,
University College of North Wales,
Bangor.

Visitors to Pentonville

From Lady Bowater

Sir, I would like to support Mr Tim Brown's letter in your issue of July 15. It is indeed a tragedy that the Visitor's Centre at Pentonville has closed. I visited it with a colleague, Mrs Harthan, the first week it opened—manned by an enthusiastic and qualified group of young married women. In a very small space they had provided facilities for making tea, an area for small children to play with books and toys and a corner for mothers with young babies. All prisoners' families were welcome and it was a place to pause before the emotional ordeal of a prison visit.

The centre had the blessing of the Governor and a grant from the Home Office; it also at first had the enthusiastic support of the prison officers. Now there is no longer a haven for the families of prisoners across the road where they were able to meet outside the prison walls. It is a great loss to these families who in the past have benefited from the welcome and the advice given to them by the dedicated staff.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
URSULA BOWATER,
Chairman of the Sheriffs' and Recorder's Fund,
Central Criminal Court,
Old Bailey, EC4.
July 16.

Brendan Bracken's school

From Lord Wilson of High Wray

Sir, I wish that such a distinguished writer and newspaper man as Lord Drogheda would check his facts when writing biography. In the extract from his forthcoming book on Brendan Bracken, *Double Harness*, quoted in *The Times* today (July 15), he refers to ". . . Sedbergh (a public school in Cumberland) . . .". Sedbergh was, until April 1, 1974, in Yorkshire, some 22 miles from the nearest point of the Cumberland border. It is now in the new county of Cumbria, so whether Lord Drogheda is referring to the past or the present, his statement is still incorrect.

Yours, etc,
WILSON OF HIGH WRAY,
Gillinggate House,
Kendal,
Cumbria.
July 15.

Overdressed

From Mr A. A. Dumbrell

Sir, I did not see the umpire carrying the fielders protective helmet in the recent test match to which Mr Blanch refers (July 13), but I would suggest that instructions may have been issued to umpires not to be helmet carriers. Twice recently, at Hove, I have seen an umpire decline to take a helmet and it has been conveyed to the pavilion to the applause of the spectators.

John Woodcock has also mentioned the refusal of umpires to take possession of helmets.

I know of no other sport where an official is required to act as cloakroom attendant as asked by Mr Blanch.

Yours faithfully,
A. A. DUMBRELL,
6 Southdown Avenue,
Brighton.
July 14.

Work for the disabled

From Mr David Price, MP for Eastleigh (Conservative)

Sir, It is generally agreed that unemployment in Britain at the present time is at an "unacceptable level". Within that broad statement there are certain groups of people who are suffering a great deal more than others. A lot of attention has rightly been directed to the problem of the unemployed school leaver. Might I draw your attention to the problems of unemployment amongst registered disabled workers.

In answer to a Parliamentary question by myself earlier in the week, Mr John Grant, MP, Minister of State at the Department of Employment, told us that at the latest date 14.1 per cent of all registered disabled workers were unemployed compared with the general level of unemployment of 5.7 per cent.

Obviously in times of serious unemployment it is harder to persuade employers to take on disabled workers. Nevertheless, unless a special effort is made the already disadvantaged disabled worker will become even more disadvantaged.

The quota system for the employment of disabled workers has not been universally successful, although it has had some measure of success. Might I suggest that we would encourage a greater employment of disabled workers by introducing a third element into the Queen's Awards for Industry. I would propose that a third category of eligibility for the award be introduced—namely success in the employment of disabled workers. This would stand beside technological innovation and export achievement as the third element in the Queen's Award for Industry.

Yours truly,
DAVID PRICE.
House of Commons.

Removing dead elms

From Mr James Wilson

Sir, The President of the Royal Forestry Society (letters, July 6) asked whether the Countryside Commission or local authorities could consider making grants available for felling and removing dead elms. The Durham County Council has, with Countryside Commission assistance, been doing so since May 1976.

We pay to charitable organizations and householders 75 per cent of the net cost of felling and burning and 50 per cent of the net cost to other private owners, even where no replanting is to be undertaken. We do, of course, want to encourage replanting and we also therefore enhance the 75 per cent Countryside Commission grant by a further 10 per cent. We contribute in a similar way to the removal of other elm trees in poor condition within two miles of the infected trees.

An additional benefit of the County Council's scheme is that we have, under the job creation scheme, been able to provide employment for two people in identifying outbreaks and administering grant aid. This policy does appear to be controlling the spread of the disease within the county with only a modest but steady commitment in terms of both manpower and finance.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES WILSON,
County Planning Officer,
County Hall,
Durham.
July 6.

Tottenham Herons

From Mr E. de Waal

Sir, On their estate in Hungary my grandparents had a goldfish pool in the garden in the centre of which a fountain played. The jet of the fountain rose from the upturned beak of a life-size heron. No goldfish were ever lost.

Yours faithfully,
E. DE WAAL,
14 Rosehill Walk,
Tunbridge Wells,
Kent.
July 17.

Fuchsia perfect

From Mrs Moira Edmunds

Sir, Last year on the last day of the Chelsea flower show my daughter and I met the most beautiful standard fuchsia in an almost empty carriage of an underground train. The handsome young man accompanying this lovely thing was generous enough to give me a tiny cutting. The ticket seller at the next station gave me a small plastic money bag to preserve my treasure.

This month I have three fuchsia plants in magnificent bloom, all from that tiny cutting.

May I, through you, express my delight and thanks to all generous gardeners and most especially to the thoughtful stranger on the train.

Yours sincerely,
MOIRA C. T. EDMUNDS,
Kynnersley,
Glanrhams Road,
Shenfield,
Essex.
July 16.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

July 19: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh, with The Prince Andrew and The Prince Edward, were present this afternoon at a performance of the Royal Tournament at Earls Court.

The Hon Mary Morrison, Air Vice-Marshal Brian Stanbridge and Lieutenant-Commander Robert Guy, RN, were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh this morning attended the Medical Commission on Accident Prevention Conference at the Royal Institute of British Architects, Portland Place, W1.

Mr Richard Davies was in attendance.

His Royal Highness later participated by satellite in an Australian Broadcasting Commission Television Programme *The Prince Philip Prize for Australian Design* at Television International Studios, Whitfield Street.

Mr John Dauth was in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended a Reception given by the Soho Society at 1 Greek Street and was present at Dinner at the Restaurant L'Escargot.

Squadron Leader Antony Nicholson was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales, President, today visited the Peterborough Royal Foxhound Show Society's Centenary Show and the East of England Agricultural Show at the Showground, Peterborough.

His Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips was represented by Major Nicholas Lawson at the Memorial Service for Mr Bruce McKenzie, which was held at St Clement Danes Church, today.

CLARENCE HOUSE

July 19: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Chancellor of the University of London, this afternoon opened the new Laboratory Building of the Institute of Neurology.

The Lady Elizabeth Basset and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

July 19: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present this evening at the Royal International Horse Show at the Wembley Arena.

The Hon Mrs Wills was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

July 19: The Duchess of Gloucester visited Southwood School, Corby, this evening to open the Upper School Design Centre and to present prizes at the Lower School.

Miss Jennifer Thomson was in attendance.

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were represented by Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland at the Memorial Service for Mr Bruce McKenzie, which was held at St Clement Danes, The Strand, today.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

July 19: The Duke of Kent this morning presented prizes to the winners of the *Telegraph Sunday Magazine* British Crafts Awards at Somerset House.

Lieutenant-Commander Richard Buckley, RN, was in attendance.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent were present this evening at a performance of the Royal Tournament at Earls Court. Captain James Greenfield and Mrs Alan Henderson were in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

July 19: Princess Alexandra, President of the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation, was present at the Annual Meeting of the General Council which took place this morning at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

As Patron of the National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Her Royal Highness later attended a buffet luncheon held prior to the closure of Florence Nightingale House, Cromwell Road, London.

Miss Mona Mitchell was in attendance.

The Countess of Lichfield gave birth to a son in London yesterday.

The widow of the Second Viscount Rothermere would like to be known as Mary, Viscountess Rothermere in future.



Sir Frederick Laker after being knighted by the Queen at Buckingham Palace yesterday.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P. M. Cook and Miss J. Cawthorn

The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Mr and Mrs A. M. Cook, of West Wood, Brancepeth, Durham and Jayne, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Cawthorn, of Blandford House, Stocksfield, Northumberland.

Mr M. J. Fisher and Miss S. D. Colville

The engagement is announced between Michael John, elder son of the late Commander J. P. Fisher, MVO, RN, and Mrs Fisher of Winterslow, Salisbury, and Sarah Darnell, only daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Colville, of Quidhampton, Salisbury.

Mr R. S. O'Conor and Miss L. Chandor

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr Michael O'Conor, of Fernhurst, Surrey, and Mrs Enzo Piazzotta, of Danehill, Sussex, and Lalla, daughter of the late Colonel H. H. Chandor and Mrs Graham Brooks, of Brundall, Norfolk.

Marriages

Mr J. G. Cattell and Miss B. M. Thomas

The marriage took place on Monday, July 17, at Ellesmere, between Mr Jonathon Cattell, eldest son of Mr and Mrs G. H. B. Cattell, Little Chereney, Yalding, Kent, and Miss Bridget Thomas, daughter of Mr and Mrs Quentin Thomas, Sheraton House, Ellesmere, Salop, on their return from India.

Mr D. Clark and Miss L. A. Kostiainen

The marriage took place on Saturday July 15, 1978, in Wales, between Mr Dudley Clark, younger son of Mr and Mrs Clifford A. L. Clark, of Sandersread, Surrey, and Miss Liisa Anneli Kostiainen, younger daughter of Mrs M. S. Kostiainen and the late Mr E. E. Kostiainen, of Ypäjä, Finland.

National galleries buy portraits

By Huon Mallalieu

There were two notable purchases on behalf of national galleries in a sale of British paintings at Sotheby's yesterday. Agnew paid £4,500 for a portrait by Alexis Simon Belle, which is said to be of Matthew Prior, the poet and diplomat. Although the identity of the sitter has been questioned, his costume is of interest, in particular the Lyons lace of his jabot and cuffs, which can be dated fairly exactly.

The painting was bought on behalf of the textile department of the Victoria and Albert Museum (estimate £6,000 to £8,000). A portrait of the first Lord Hawkesbury, later Earl of Liverpool, by George Romney, was bought for the National Portrait Gallery by Leggatt at £3,200 (estimate £800 to £1,200).

Two nineteenth-century works each made £40,000. The first was perhaps the masterwork of the elder John Frederick Herring: it shows the Yeoman Cavalry of the Richmondshire Militia on manoeuvres (estimate £40,000 to £50,000). The second was a coaching scene at Hyde Park Corner by James Pollard (estimate £30,000 to £40,000). The sale made a total of £507,070, with 14.7 per cent bought in.

A sale of Japanese prints at Sotheby's made a total of £91,140, with 4 per cent failing to sell. An anonymous buyer paid £3,400 for an album of *shunga*, or erotic prints, by various hands, sold together with an erotic scroll (estimate £1,000 to £1,500).

In a sale of scientific instruments and clocks at Christie's, Mannheimer, a dealer from Germany, paid £24,000 for a rare German gilt-metal chalice-dial made in 1608 by Marcus Purman of Munich. It has a magnetic compass in the foot and when filled with water acts as a sun dial. The sale made a total of £150,658, with 15 per cent failing to find buyers.

A sale of antique arms and armour at Christie's brought a total of £91,929, with 4 per cent unsold. There was strong German and Austrian bidding, and a foreign collector paid £9,500 for a pair of late seventeenth-century Brescian flintlock holster pistols by Claudio Beretta (estimate £4,000 to £5,000).

Works by Archibald Thorburn, the painter of game birds and animals, were in demand in a sale of English watercolours, again at Christie's. The most expensive of five in the sale showed a mountain hare and an Irish hare. It sold for £4,800 (estimate £1,000 to £1,500), and the Tryon Gallery paid £2,200 for "A mallard drake brought down by a peregrine falcon" (estimate £800 to £1,000).

At Christie's South Kensington an American collector paid £2,300 for a musical praxinoscope, that is to say a combined musical box and moving picture machine, dating from about 1895 (estimate £1,500 to £2,000). The sale, which included radio equipment and talking machines, made a total of £33,097, with 8 per cent bought in.

Luncheons

HM Government

Mr Frank Judd, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon held at 1 Carlton Gardens yesterday in honour of Dr Josef Taus, leader of the Austrian People's Party.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Mr R. J. Stratton, Assistant Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon held at the Carlton Tower hotel yesterday in honour of the Ambassador of the Republic of Upper Volta and Mme Kaboré.

Baltic Exchange

The Chairman and directors of the Baltic Exchange gave a luncheon yesterday at the exchange in honour of the Lord Mayor. Air Commodore the Hon Sir Peter Vanneck. Mr Graham Newman, chairman, proposed the civic toast, to which the Lord Mayor replied. In addition to the Lord Mayor, Mr Alderman and Sheriff M. Hinton, common councilmen and officers of the corporation, the guests included:

The Bishop of London, the Right Rev Dr Gerald A. Ellison; Sir Humphrey Browne, chairman, British Transport Docks Board; Sir Nicholas Cayzer, chairman, British and Commonwealth Shipping Co Ltd; Sir Charles Trinder, honorary member, The Baltic Exchange; Mr G. F. R. Barclay, secretary, Government Hospitality Fund; Mr F. J. Barrell, chairman, Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers; Mr R. P. Bishop, president, London Maritime Arbitrators Association; Mr C. H. Birch, chairman, National Docks Labour Board; Mr A. R. Bowerbank, chairman, Simpson Spence & Young Shipbrokers Ltd; Mr G. F. Evrard, chairman, Unilever Raw Materials Ltd; Sir R. L. Fenton, president, Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers; Mr I. H. F. Findlay, chairman, Lloyd's; Mr N. P. Goodison, chairman, The Stock Exchange; Mr R. A. Huskisson, chairman, Lloyd's Register of Shipping; Mr D. B. Kimber, president, Royal Institution of Naval Architects; Mr R. A. S. Lane, chairman, Overseas Bankers Club; Mr S. G. Metcalfe, president, National Association of British and Irish Millers.

Mr H. H. de C. Moore, Prime Warden of the Shipwrights Company; Mr S. I. Mountjoy, president, Federation of Oils, Seeds and Fats Association; Mr G. H. Parham, chairman, Galbraith Wrightson Ltd; Mr R. H. Peet, chairman, British Insurance Institute; Mr A. D. Pelly, Tatham Bromage & Co Ltd; Major-General W. D. M. Raeburn, Resident Governor and Keeper of the Jewel House, HM Tower of London; Mr J. Rank, chairman, Rank Hovis McDougall Ltd; Mr G. W. H. Richardson, Governor of the Bank of England; Mr R. O. C. Swayne, president, General Council of British Shipping; Mr P. D. R. Talbot Willcox, chairman, Eggar, Forrester (Holdings) Ltd; Mr M. G. Wilcox, president, Institute of Bankers; Captain M. B. Wingate, deputy master, Trinity House; Mr J. N. Wood, director general, General Council of British Shipping; Mr A. J. P. Woodhouse, chairman, London Commodity Exchange, and past directors of the exchange.

Law Society

The President of the Law Society, Mr John Palmer, was host at a luncheon party held at 60 Carey Street, yesterday. Among those present were:

Earl Cairns, Mr Justice Slade, Sir Charles Whishaw, Rear-Admiral M. C. Morgan-Giles, MP, Mr J. A. Arthur, Mr K. E. Wright, Mr J. C. Stebbings, Mr M. H. Sneldon and Mr J. L. Bowron.

Company of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

The Company of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales held their election court luncheon at Painters' Hall yesterday. The Master, Mr D. S. Morpeth, presided and was assisted by Mr A. J. Hardcastle, Senior Warden, and Mr K. J. Sharp, Junior Warden. Mr Alderman R. A. Hedderwick replied to the toast of the guests.

Dinners

Nazdrowians

Lord Ebbisham and Mr K. J. C. May received the guests at a dinner given by the Nazdrowians at the Café Royal last night in honour of the Polish Ambassador. Among those present were Mr A. Jedynak, Lord Brimelow, Mr S. Wojtaszek, Mr L. Zembrzuski and Mr T. F. Brenchley.

Basketmakers' Company

The Prime Warden of the Basketmakers' Company, Mr Laurence A. Swain, presided over a court and at a dinner held at Innholders' Hall yesterday. Mr Andrew Breach proposed the toast of the guests, to which Mr Victor Durand, QC, replied. The Prime Warden responded and greeted the new liverymen, freemen and the apprentice.

1912 Club

Mr David Howell, MP, was the guest of honour at a dinner of the 1912 Club held at the House of Commons yesterday by invitation of Mr Roger E. Sims, MP, vice-chairman of the club. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr A. Geoffrey Fowler.

OBITUARY

MR THOMAS STEELE, VC

Gallantry in First World War

Mr Thomas Steele, who as a sergeant in the Seaforth Highlanders won the Victoria Cross for bravery in Mesopotamia in 1917, has died at the age of 87.

Steele began his working life as a bobbin carrier in the mill near his home at Austerlands, Yorkshire. He joined the army in 1911, however, and was serving as a lance-corporal in the Seaforth Highlanders in India at the outbreak of the First World War.

His battalion was immediately transferred to the Western Front where he took part in the retreat from Mons and the other actions leading up to the Battle of the Marne. In November 1915 the Seaforths were sent to Mesopotamia as part of the force which attempted to relieve General Townshend's beleaguered force at Kut. Steele distinguished himself on several occasions and in June 1917, while in action against the Turks was instrumental in withstanding a strong enemy counter attack which had overrun a number of trenches. Sergeant Steele assisted a comrade to carry a machine gun into position under heavy fire, and kept it in action single handed, a step vital to keeping the section of the line intact. Later he led troops forward when another strong Turkish attack had made further advance into the British trench system and played an important part in helping to re-establish the line. For these actions he was awarded the Victoria Cross.

LORD ROTHERMERE AND MR BERNARD ALTON

E. W. C. writes:

A chapter in the chequered history of Fleet Street has closed with the deaths, within a few days, of Lord Rothermere and Bernard Alton.

In 1934 Esmond Harmsworth, as Lord Rothermere then was, was elected chairman of the Newspaper Proprietors Association (now the Newspaper Publishers' Association). He retained the position for 27 years.

In 1933 Bernard Alton, a barrister of Gray's Inn, who had been assistant secretary of The Institute of Journalists, was appointed assistant secretary to the NPA. He was made secretary in 1936 and continued with the NPA until his retirement in 1968.

For more than a quarter of a century they made a partnership which rendered remarkable service to the national newspapers—the sagacious, patient Lord Rothermere in the chair, the youngest-ever chairman of the NPA, and the shrewd clear-thinking Alton with his superb gift of summing up a situation with great lucidity and drafting the perfect minute or resolution.

Both had similar outstanding qualities—their devotion to press freedom (in which Bernard Alton probably drafted more resolutions than any other man) and their understanding of the personalities who dominated the NPA. It was Lord Rothermere's greatest achievement, as Lord Hartwell has remarked, to bring about the successful cohesion of the NPA Council.

And what personalities they were in those days—Lord Astor, Lord Camrose, Lord Kemsley, Lord Beaverbrook, Lord Layton, Lord Riddell, Lord Southwood and Lord Burnham (who was NPA vice-chairman for much of the time) are some of the names which come to mind.

Few will be aware that Bernard Alton was known to his friends as "the oracle of Fleet Street". Modest and unassuming as he was, he rather liked the appellation. For it is true that, both when he was in Bouverie Street and in retirement at Hadley Wood, his predictions about the outcome of merger moves and complex negotiations were amazingly accurate.

When I was in conversation with Bernard Alton a few weeks ago he spoke of Lord Rothermere and his authority in the NPA council chamber in terms of warm affection and esteem.

As times change and titles change (proprietors to publishers was indeed significant), the role and responsibilities of the NPA have inevitably changed tremendously. But are circumstances so vastly different that a revival of the spirit and common purpose of the Rothermere-Alton regime is impossible?

MR H. L. STEVENS

Mr H. L. Stevens, CBE, FRAeS, died on July 18 at the age of 86. Herbert Lawrence Stevens was born on April 26, 1892, the son of Thomas Waghorn Stevens. He was educated at Bradfield College, Berkshire, and took a Schriner Scholarship at Downing College, Cambridge, in 1911, graduating BA in 1914.

In that year he joined the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough, and became head of the full-scale flying section. He became Chief Technical Officer at the Aeroplane and Armament Experimental Establishment at RAF Martlesham Heath in 1927 and was Head of the Structures Department from 1931. He was Superintendent of Scientific Research at the Royal Aircraft Establishment in 1937 and became Deputy Director of the Royal Aircraft Establishment in 1941. He was appointed Principal Director, Equipment Research and Development (Air) Ministry of Supply in 1950, a post which he held until his retirement in 1953.

He was a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society, was appointed OBE in 1936 and advanced to CBE in 1952.

Company of Watermen and Lightermen

At the installation court of the Company of Watermen and Lightermen of the River Thames held at their hall yesterday, Brigadier J. Constant was installed as Master. Mr T. J. T. Metcalf as Senior Warden, and Mr S. E. A. Spong, Mr Alderman C. S. P. Rawson and Mr C. P. Braithwaite as Junior Wardens for the ensuing year.

Latest wills

Miss Mary May Hamer Cunningham, Clacton-on-Sea, left £11,019 net, all to the WRVS.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid; tax not disclosed):

Andrew, Mr William Reginald Dudley, of Mortlake .. £134,602

Vachell, Lieutenant-Colonel John George Eric, RAMC, of Hove £151,923

Meeting

Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation

Princess Alexandra, the Hon Mrs Angus Ogilvy, president, attended the annual meeting of the general council of the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation held at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea yesterday. General Sir Geoffrey Musson was in the chair.

Birthdays today

Sir Ben Barnett, 84; Commissioner Catherine Bramwell-Booth, 95; Professor Sir John Dacie, 66; Major-General Sir Robert Ewbank, 71; General Sir Jack Harman, 58; Sir Edmund Hillary, 59; Dr R. E. Holttum, 83; Sir Hector McNeil, 74; Professor Keith Simpson, 71; Air Marshal Sir John Tremayne, 87; Dame Veronica Wedgwood, 68.

Soirée

Society of Apothecaries of London

At a soirée held at Apothecaries' Hall yesterday the Master of the Society of Apothecaries of London, Mr I. M. Jackson, presented the society's gold medal in therapeutics for 1978 to Professor Sune Bergström, of Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, in recognition of his work on the isolation, structure and action of prostaglandins.

Reception

Agent General for Queensland

The Agent General for Queensland and his sister, Mrs D. Blackborrow, held a reception at Queensland House yesterday evening in honour of the Archbishop of Brisbane and the bishops of the province of Queensland and their ladies.

25 years ago

From The Times of Monday, July 20, 1953

Appeal by Austria

From Our Own Correspondent

Vienna, July 19.—The Austrian Chancellor, Herr Raab, has appealed to the Russians to make good a crass injustice and return the oilfields they took over in this country as former German assets to Austrian ownership. This would make Austria self-supporting. The appeal came in a speech yesterday at the opening of a new electric power plant at Dobra-Krumau in eastern Austria. Herr Raab said that the question whether Austria was economically viable as a country could today be definitely answered in the affirmative. Her economic position was better now than it had been in 1938. Her most important raw materials such as iron, magnesite and timber have been preserved undepleted; thanks to American aid her finished and semi-manufactured goods industries have been substantially modernized; in addition a number of new industries have been developed such as nitrates; aluminium and cellular wool. Austria also had the largest oil production in Europe (unofficially estimated at three million tons annually), the fruits of which have been denied her these eight years. If the oilfields were returned she could do without foreign aid.

Memorial services

Sir Lancelot and Lady Royle

A memorial service for Sir Lancelot and Lady Royle was held at St Michael's, Chester Square, yesterday. The Rev E. G. H. Saunders officiated. Lieutenant-General Sir Ian Jacob read the lesson and the Rev D. R. MacInnes, Precentor, Birmingham Cathedral, gave an address. Among those present were:

Sir Anthony Royle, MP, and Lady Royle and Mr and Mrs Timothy Royle (sons and daughters-in-law), Mr and Mrs David Oldham (son-in-law and daughter), Mr and Mrs Gavin Oldham, Mr and Mrs Brian Liddell, Miss Susannah Royle, Miss Lucinda Royle and Henrietta and Ivan Royle (grandchildren), Anthony Liddell (great-grandson), Mrs Geoffrey Royle, Mrs K. V. Parker, Mrs G. C. Royle, Mr Godfrey Royle, Lieutenant-Colonel E. G. Sebag-Montefiore, Dr and Mrs S. Sebag-Montefiore, Mr and Mrs Oliver Sebag-Montefiore.

Field Marshal Sir Gerald Templer, the Hon Mrs A. W. Garthwaite, the Hon Mrs C. C. Holm, Major-General Sir James d'Avigdor-Goldsmid, Major-General Sir Nigel Tapp (representing the Royal Artillery Charitable Fund) and Lady Tapp, Sir George Erskine, Sir William Beale, Sir Humphrey and Lady Prideaux, Sir Henry and Lady Jones, Mr and the Hon Mrs K. R. M. Carlisle, Archdeacon and Mrs John Youens, Major-General J. Sheffield (representing the Star and Garter Home, Richmond) with Major-General B. Daunt, Mr R. S. Borner, Colonel S. Banks, Mrs Robert Garrett and Mr A. J. Foster, Major-General D. N. H. Tyacke (Army Benevolent Fund), Major-General P. F. Claxton (representing Regular Forces Employment Association), Mr J. D. Spooner (chairman, NAAFI) and Mr B. E. Whitaker (managing director), Mr P. T. G. Phillips (representing Grove Fund), Mr R. N. A. Holt (chairman of governors, Harrow School), Major-General K. F. Mackay Lewis, Brigadier and Mrs P. R. Antrobus, Brigadier T. de F. Jago, Mrs C. MacInnes, Group Captain A. Westcott, Mr Richard J. Page, Commander Tom Page, Lieutenant-Commander Jack Bowles.

Mr Peter J. F. Green (chairman, Janson Green), Mr J. R. Vernede, Mr H. Hurford Janes, Mrs E. V. J. Clarke (representing Chinese Club), Mrs R. A. Redvers-Oldham, Mr I. A. Oldham, Mr and Mrs Colin Liddell, Miss Felicia Liddell, Mr and Mrs David Liddell, Mr J. Liddell-Simpson, Mr J. Sanderson, Major and Mrs R. B. Mason, Mr and Mrs J. P. van den Bergh, Dr and Mrs David Cohen, Mr Ronald D'Arcy Hart, Mrs V. Ashbrooke, Mr M. E. R. Allsopp, Dr Ronald Cove-Smith, Mr G. F. J. van der Gagg and Mr Basil Greenwell.

Sir Robert Menzies, QC

The Bishop of Dover, Chaplain to the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, gave an address at a memorial service for Sir Robert Menzies, QC, held in the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Rye, East Sussex, yesterday. Canon John E. R. Williams officiated, the Speaker to the Confederation of the Cinque Ports, the Mayor of Rye, and the Registrar, Mr James A. Johnson, read the lessons. Among those present were:

Dame Pattie Menzies (widow), Miss Edwina Henderson (granddaughter), Mr and Mrs A. R. Clarke; the High Commissioner for Australia and Lady Freeth, the Lord Lieutenant of Kent and Lady Astor of Hever, Sir Edward Caffyn (representing the Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex), Rear-Admiral G. M. Bevan (representing the First Sea Lord) and Mrs Bevan, the High Sheriff of East Sussex and Mrs Edwardes-Jones, the High Sheriff of Kent and Mrs Calvocoressi, Mr H. N. Ward (representing the Barons of the Cinque Ports) and Mrs Ward, the Deputy Constable of Dover Castle and Mrs Atherton, Mr D. Taylor and Mr I. G. Gill (joint solicitors to the confederation) and Mrs Gill, Mr R. Mitchell and Mr Robin Beecher (East Sussex County Council), Mr and Mrs G. Paine, mayors, mayoresses and representatives from each Port, Antient Town and Limb of the Confederation of the Cinque Ports.

Mr B. McKenzie

Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, was represented by Major Nicholas Lawson, and Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester by Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland, at a memorial service for Mr Bruce McKenzie held at St Clement Danes, Strand, yesterday. The Rev G. R. Renowden officiated. Mr Isaac Omolo Okero and Mr P. K. Jani read the lessons and Air Marshal Sir Geoffrey Tuttle gave an address. Mr Edward Rowlands, MP, represented her Majesty's Government. Among others present were:

Mrs McKenzie (widow), Mr Roy McKenzie and Kim McKenzie (sons), Miss Sandra McKenzie and Miss Marguerite McKenzie (daughters), Mr and Mrs L. Gevelein (brother-in-law and sister), the Hon Mrs Bridgeman (mother-in-law), Mr and Mrs Peter Bridgeman, Mr and Mrs John Bridgeman and Mr and Mrs Simon Kenyon-Slaney (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law), Mrs Balfour McKenzie, Mr Harry Kenyon-Slaney, Mrs Henriette McKenzie, Mr and Mrs David Foster, Miss B. Constable-Maxwell, Mr and Mrs Julian Savage, Mr and Mrs F. Butcher, Mrs G. Whitelaw, Mr and Mrs M. C. S. Philip, Miss A. Constable-Maxwell, Wing Commander and Mrs Michael Constable-Maxwell.

The Duke and Duchess of Norfolk, the Duke and Duchess of Leinster, the Duchess of Northumberland, Lord George Scott, the Earl of Carrick, the Earl of Scarborough, Viscount and Viscountess Slim, Viscount and Viscountess Cranborne, Lord Charles Cecil (J. Henry Schroder Wagg and Co), Lord Valentine Cecil, Lord Aldington, Mr Julian Amery, MP, Mr Malcolm MacDonald, OM, Lady Marsha Bycart, Lady Mary Fitzalan Howard, Lady Anne Cowdray, the Hon Mark Slim, the Hon Hugo Slim, the Hon Mrs Ann Slim, the Hon Charlotte Monckton, Sir Colin Campbell, Sir Philip and Lady Rogers, Sir John Colville, Air Chief Marshal Sir Neil Wheeler (Rolls-Royce) with Mr G. S. C. Holliday; Sir Arthur Hope-Jones, Sir Anthony Cavendish, Major-General and Mrs R. B. Penfold, Captain Charles Wiggin, Mrs Mary Hitchcock, Miss Diana Wake, Mr Robin Wilson, Mr Robert Wilson, Air Commodore and Mrs Charles Simpson, Miss F. J. Sidebotham, Mr and Mrs Benjamin Worthington, Mr R. W. Chetwynd, Mrs John Ward, Mr and Mrs Chapman Pincher, Mr and Mrs William Staple, Mr Tom Brazier, Mr Peter Fiedner (Brooke Bond), Mr and Mrs Frank Steele, Mr R. Herbert-Jones, Mr John Debenham Taylor, Mrs Richard Carew-Pole, Mr and Mrs A. Berdler, Mr and Mrs David Freeman, Mr Robert Constable-Maxwell, Mr and Mrs B. L. Schroder.

Mr and Mrs Brian Jubb, Mr P. J. Fairfax, Mr M. R. Morland, Mr Geoffrey Curtis (British Friesian Cattle Society), Mr D. Walsh (Kenya Police), Mr J. L. Naimaster (Sotheby's), Mrs E. Young (East Africa Flying Doctor Service), Mr J. B. Acharya (ABC Travel), Dr C. J. Hackett (RAF West Africa), Mr E. M. Rose (East Africa-Mauritius Association), Mr T. G. Glover (British Airways) and Mrs Glover, Mr Malcolm Lyell, Mr W. H. L. Gordon, Mr J. K. Dick (Rume Holdings), Lieutenant-Colonel J. P. Grant of Rothiemurchus, Mr John Everall (Royal Agricultural Society of the Commonwealth), Mr Charles Baker-Cresswell, Mr Peter Barrows (Price Waterhouse and Co) and Mrs Barrows, Mr Z. Zamir, Mr D. Barak, Mr and Mrs S. G. Ruparel, Mr R. Rohsingl, Mr Pyarali Mongi, Mrs E. Wako, Miss A. Barero, Miss Norma Brionas, Mrs L. Maillet, Mr and Mrs N. R. Vrilland, Mr H. Sorrenson, Mr J. M. Benzuma, Mr J. Kouloris, Mr C. K. Rennie, Mrs J. Pearce, Mr and Mrs Henry Aninoy, Mrs J. Dunlap and members of the 458 Squadron.

Today's engagements

The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh give a garden party, Buckingham Palace, 4, and with Princess Margaret attend premiere of *International Velvet*, in aid of British Equestrian Olympic Fund, The Empire, Leicester Square, 8.05.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Chancellor of Salford University, confers an honorary Degree upon Miss Jacqueline du Pré, Buckingham Palace, 12.30, and attends reception given by Vancouver Island Vagabonds, British Columbia House, Regent Street, 6.

The Prince of Wales, as chairman, presides at meeting of administrative council of Queen's Silver Jubilee Trust, 8 Buckingham Street, 10.30, and takes salute at Royal Tournament, Earls Court, 7.30.

Princess Alexandra, as governor of King Edward's Hospital Fund for London, attends annual meeting of governors and general council, King's Fund College, Palace Court, 10.55.

Lectures: The Expressionist tradition, Pollock, 1. The art of Henry Moore, 6.15 Tate Gallery: Elizabethan London and its theatres, Sir Bernard Miles, Mermaid Theatre, 3.30.

University news

Glasgow

First class degrees:

English: P. A. Maharg, St Mungo's Ac; Helen V. Smith, Holyrood Sec S. English and French: T. Docherty, St Mungo's Ac. English and history: S. R. Airlie, Paisley GS. English and Scottish literature: Elaine Regan, St Bride's HS, East Kilbride. French language and literature: Jean H. Duffy, Gourock HS. French and Italian: R. Naunell, St Aloysius C. Greek and archaeology: Lesley MacInnes, Duncanrig Sec S, East Kilbride. Greek and Latin: C. S. Caldwell, Glasgow HS; B. W. Mitchell, Falkirk HS. Hispanic studies: Patricia A. Odber, Hutcheson's GS. History: D. J. Scott, Kelvinside Ac. Mathematical science: Flora M. Campbell, Uddingston GS. Politics and political economy: M. P. Togneri, St Modan's HS, Stirling.

Music: R. J. Sona, Dollar Ac. Practical theology: J. L. Bell, Kilmarnock Ac. Jurisprudence: R. Pirie, Kelvinside Ac; M. J. R. Smith, Hutcheson's GS. Private law: J. Gardner, Glasgow HS; Elaine E. Sutherland, Douglas Ac; W. S. G. Young, Girvan Ac. Public law: Laigh Hancher, Dollar Ac. Agricultural chemistry: A. S. McGibbon, Grange Sec S; J. R. Strawhorn, Dumfries Ac. Animal biology: H. V. Docherty, St Aloysius C. Biochemistry: P. B. Randalls, Dollar Ac. Botany: Marjorie A. Forgie, Westbourne S; Joan M. Henderson, J. Neilson HS. Chemistry: C. J. M. Barbour, Airdrie Ac; Sheila R. Beattie, Grangemouth HS; Isabella E. Campbell, Campbeltown GS; A. G. Mulholland, Hillhead HS. Chemistry and geology: D. Lennie, Dumbarton Ac. Computing science: Sheila J. McIntyre, Dumbarton Ac. Genetics: D. A. F. Gillespie, Bearsden Ac. Geology: H. Macdonald, Bishopbriggs HS; D. J. A. Mac'H, St Joseph's C, Dumfries. Immunology: M. J. Browning, Kelvinside Ac; W. Cushley, St Patrick's HS, Coatbridge; S. Fleming, Cathkin HS; J. M. Shields, St Mungo's Ac. Mathematics: Catriona M. Byrne, Our Lady and St Francis; H. J. Clark, Cathkin HS; J. H. Maddocks, Marr C; Carol F. M. Thomas, Eastwood HS; S. Walters, St Patrick's HS; R. L. White, Eastwood HS. Maths and natural philosophy: T. G. Downie, Hamilton GS; I. J. D. MacGregor, Glasgow HS; R. D. Tavendale, Paisley GS. Microbiology: W. Donachie, St Modan's HS. Molecular biology: Moira Park (nee Gillies), Penicuik HS; N. Ramsay, Uddingston GS. Natural philosophy: A. R. Curran, Carrick Ac. Pharmacology: Isabel M. Macrae, Dingwall Ac. Physiology: Alison J. Brown, Glasgow HS; D. L. Weir, Greenock Ac. Psychology: H. G. Deans, Stranraer GS. Statistics: D. R. Gilmour, Hutcheson's GS; Ethel M. Scott, Larkhall Ac. Topographic Science: D. M. Stirling, Hutcheson's GS. Zoology: Pauline C. Miller, Park S.

Aeronautics and fluid mechanics: J. McHale, Bearsden Ac. Civil Engineering: I. Adam, Hermitage Ac; S. J. Barber, Hamilton Ac; K. W. S. Chun, Sacred Heart, Sibu, Malaysia; R. N. R. Cull, St Mirin's Ac; K. C. Ho, All Saints, Kota Kinabalu; G. A. Stewart, Hutcheson's GS; K. S. Tan, Melaka HS. Electronics and electrical eng: P. G. Dunsmuir, Hutcheson's GS; A. P. B. Halley, Clydebank HS; R. W. G. Hamilton, Hamilton GS; G. Ramachandran, Methodist's S, Kuala Lumpur; R. Smith, Stranraer Ac; A. J. Willder, Dollar Ac; J. S. Wilson, Mainholm Ac. Mechanical eng: S. R. Frost, Eastwood HS. Naval arch and ocean eng: N. Rose, J. Leonard C, Scunthorpe; D. G. W. Forsyth, Uddingston GS; A. Proademauron, Thessalonika Univ; M. Donaldson, D. Stewart's C; V. Sachens, Advanced Tech Centre, Athens.

London

Grants

From Social Science Research Council: £37,510 for research into social and attitudinal characteristics of supporters of right-wing movements in Britain, under Dr C. T. Husband; £50,000 for research into inner city problems, under D. R. Diamond.

£57,000 from German Marshall Fund to Lady Seear, analysis of discriminatory aspects of personnel practices in two major banks, one in London and one in Paris.

£37,665 from Department of Employment to Dr J. Gennard, to examine extent, operation and the effect of closed shop in Britain.

£30,000 from Esmée Fairbairn Trust to P. R. G. Layard, income distribution, work effort and unemployment.

Hull

First-class degrees:

Maths and physics: Sharon R. S. Baker, York, C. Geography and statistics: C. D. Beaumont, Temple Moor HS. Mathematics: J. P. Bruton, St Mary's Sec S, Darlington; P. C. Jeffrey, G. Abbot S, Guildford; J. McQuade, Cardinal Langley S, Manchester. Chemistry: N. Carr, Burnside HS, Wallsend; Drama and German: R. J. Creed, Varndean GS, Brighton; Chemistry and zoology: Barbara Gosden, Gosforth GS; French: Nichola A. Haxell, Thornton Upper S, Bradford; Sociology and soc anthropology: D. M. Joseph, Hurn Court S, Christchurch; Susan E. Rodmell, Beverley HS; Computer studies and maths: Kan Yau Wo, Caritas S, Hongkong; Geography: Peter McEleney, Sion-Manning S, London.

Psychology and education: Linda Moore, Warrington HS. Psychology: Michelle J. Morgan, Spondon S; English: P. Pelowski, Cardinal Pole S, Hackney; Jane Spencer, St Winefride's Convent HS, Holywell. Theology: Vivien Roberts, St Wilfrid's HS, Blackburn. American studies: Catherine A. Stephens, Upper Chine S, Shanklin. Maths and physics: R. Trowern, R. Hospital S, Ipswich. Botany and geography: Jane C. Whitehead, Bramcote Hills GS, Nottingham; Julia I. Land, Hitchin GS.

Science report

Palaeontology: New Saudi fossils

Two excavations in Saudi Arabia are yielding fossils that are not only the first of their kind to be found outside East Africa but may also provide important clues to the timing of the land connexion between Africa and Eurasia.

The fossils have been found at two sites in eastern Saudi Arabia in the region of the land bridge that developed between the Saudi Arabian peninsula and Eurasia during the Miocene epoch. Before that time, although the peninsula had been a part of Africa, it was still separated from Eurasia by the ancient Tethys Sea.

The fossils, mostly mammals and including one, perhaps two, species of ape, date from 15 to 17 million years ago, very near the time when the land bridge is known to have formed. There is thus considerable interest in the identification of the fossils with respect to their apparent relationship with contemporary fossils already discovered in Africa and Eurasia.

If the Saudi Arabian fossils strongly resembled African fossils they would be likely to be the remains of animals living before the formation of the land bridge. On the other hand, if they bore closest resemblance to those found in Eurasia, the Saudi Arabian fossils would be more likely to represent animals living after the formation of the land bridge, when migration into Asia was possible.

In this week's *Nature* Dr W. R. Hamilton, Dr P. J. Whybrow and Dr P. Andrews of the British Museum (Natural History) and Dr H. A. McClure of the Arabian American Oil Company, report that the teeth and bones they have examined from the two sites seem to bear a closer resemblance to contemporary specimens from Africa than to those from Eurasia. If younger fossils from the same sites prove to be more like contemporary specimens from Eurasia then a date for the formation of the land bridge would seem to be in sight.

The ape specimens found at the two Saudi Arabian sites—four teeth and part of a jaw—are particularly interesting to palaeontologists because of their strong resemblance to the East African ape *Proconsul*, believed to be one of the early forerunners of man. Identification of such specimens is very difficult, and at present it is not possible to say whether they come from *Proconsul* or a closely related ape.

Regardless of their exact identification, the Saudi Arabian ape specimens show that animals of the group that included *Proconsul* spread much farther in Africa during the Miocene than previous records have shown.

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Law Report July 19 1978 — Court of Appeal

Secretary of State must pay full rebate on 20-year redundancy payment

Secretary of State for Employment v Globe Elastic Thread Co Ltd

Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Eveleigh and Sir David Cairns

[Judgments delivered July 18]

The Secretary of State for Employment was held bound to pay employers the full rebate under section 30(1)(a) of the Redundancy Payments Act, 1965, on payments covering a period of continuous employment of more than 20 years which the employers had been ordered to pay and had paid to a worker employed by them for only five years.

Their Lordships dismissed an appeal by the Secretary of State for Employment from the decision of the Employment Appeal Tribunal (Mr Justice Kilner Brown presiding) (*The Times*, April 27, 1977; [1978] QB 86) that employers, Globe Elastic Thread Co Ltd, of Tiverton, Devon, were entitled to a 50 per cent rebate from the Redundancy Fund under section 30(1)(a) of the 1965 Act in respect of a payment of £1,086 made to Mr Tadeusz Wijaszko, an employee, when he was made redundant in 1975, on the basis that he had been continuously employed for more than 20 years.

Mr T. H. Bingham, QC, and Mr Peter Scott, QC, for the Secretary of State; Mr Alexander Irvine, QC, and Mr Christopher Carr for the employers Globe.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that Mr Wijaszko (the employee) started work in 1948 with Heathcoats of Tiverton. In 1962 Heathcoats joined forces with an American company and together they formed a new company called Globe Elastic Thread Co Ltd and worked together thereafter although they remained separate companies.

In 1970 Heathcoats told the employee that they had no more work for him and that he would have to join the Globe company. He was quite willing to do that, as it was only across the road; and he had also been assured by the manager that he would not lose any benefits acquired through his service with Heathcoats by reason of the transfer. After five years, however, he was made redundant by Globe in October 1975. He claimed redundancy payment. His entitlement was not disputed; the only question was how much. He claimed that he should have it for the whole of his employment from 1948 to 1975; and that would entitle him to £1,449. But Globe said he was only entitled to £362; five years' payment for the years he had been with them.

That matter was thrashed out at Exeter Industrial Tribunal which awarded him the extra sum of £1,086 because of the assurance he had been given when he transferred to Globe that his whole period of employment would be treated as continuous. The tribunal was influenced by *Evenden v Guildford City Association Football Club Ltd* ([1975] QB 917), where the Court of Appeal had held that if on a change from one concern to another closely related concern a man was told that he would not lose any benefits the employers could not go back on the assurance and had to pay redundancy payment as if the whole period had been continuous.

When, however, the employers claimed the "rebate" from the Secretary of State under the provisions of the 1965 Act which enabled an employer who had made redundancy payments to get back a proportion of the amount from the Secretary of State, they were told that they were only entitled to be paid on the amount for the five years the employee had been with them and that the Secretary of State would take that point on the claim for the rebate.

That was the problem. Who was right? Sections 1 and 3 of the 1965 Act laid down when a man was entitled to redundancy payments; and section 9(2) presumed that a person's employment had been continuous "unless the contrary is proved". As the two companies in the present case were not strictly associated, Globe could have proved that the employee was only entitled to be treated as having been employed by them for five years; but because he had been given that assurance in 1970, the position so far as he was concerned was that the employers could not go back on it.

So far as the Secretary of State was concerned section 30 (1) of the Act said that ". . . the minister shall make a payment . . . out of the fund to any employer who (a) is liable under Part I of this Act to pay, and has paid, a redundancy payment to an employee"; and subsection (3) said how the amount was to be calculated.

His Lordship did not propose to go through all the detailed provisions to which the court had been referred, save to say that under section 32, if an employer became insolvent or a company went into liquidation, a guarantee was given by the minister that he would pay whatever ought to have been paid by the employers; and section 34 said that when the minister came in, any question about an employer's liability was to be referred to a tribunal.

The fundamental question was whether the employer was liable under the Act to pay the redundancy payment calculated on the full period of employment—28 years—or whether he was only liable to pay on the last five. That depended almost entirely on the court's decision in the *Evenden* case. *Evenden* decided that where the period of continuity was in question and an assurance had been given or a representation made to the employee, the employer's liability was his liability under the Act; and that was the basis on which the tribunal made the award in that case.

Evenden could not be questioned in the Court of Appeal; and although it had been suggested that it might have been wrongly decided, his Lordship still thought there was much to be said in its favour. If the *Evenden* principle were upheld in the present case it would do no injury whatever to the Redundancy Fund.

If the employee's two periods of employment had been treated separately (and he had claimed in time for the first) he would be entitled to 20-odd years' redundancy payment for the first period and also a further payment for the last five years; so the fund would have been liable in respect of the two periods. The tribunal's decision which upheld *Evenden* did no injustice to the fund and certainly did justice to the employer.

As Mr Justice Brightman had said in *Evenden* (at p 928): "Very often where a business changes hands, the new employer is at pains to preserve the existing work force. So he assures them, and they agree, that the continuity of their employment will not be affected by the change. That is a proper assurance to be given: an assurance that the work people can properly accept: an assurance which will in all ordinary circumstances lead to a valid agreement: and in my view an assurance that the courts should enforce when applying industrial legislation."

That was just the sort of assurance upheld in *Evenden's* case where employers were held liable for the full period of employment they had promised to treat as continuous. It gave jurisdiction to the tribunal; and it carried the day.

It was only right, where an employer had made an agreement for good industrial relations and had paid the redundancy payment on a continuous employment basis that, looking at the statutory provisions broadly and sensibly, he should be able to get the proper sum by way of rebate from the minister. His Lordship would dismiss the appeal.

LORD JUSTICE EVELEIGH said he had found the case extremely difficult and did not wish it to be thought that he regarded the minister as the equivalent of an insurance company which had issued a liability policy. His Lordship could envisage cases where a tribunal could reach a decision on an unrealistic basis and he would not wish anything he said to be construed as saying that the minister would always be bound by it. Such were among the complications arising from the very difficult 1965 Act. However, in the present case his Lordship could see no difference between the employers' position in *Evenden* and in the present case. He agreed that the appeal should be dismissed.

SIR DAVID CAIRNS said that under the 1965 Act the Secretary of State was liable to make payments of rebate only when the payments by an employer were redundancy payments made strictly in accordance with the provisions of the Act. If the employer had bound himself by agreement to make what he called a redundancy payments in excess of that for which the Act provided, his Lordship would, apart from the *Evenden* decision, be of opinion that the Secretary of State should not be liable for the excess on the redundancy fund; and the same would apply if the employer was estopped as against the employee from contending that his payments were to be limited to those prescribed by the Act. The argument on agreement or estoppel was *res inter alios acta* so far as the Secretary of State was concerned.

His Lordship could see nothing in the provision for a presumption as to continuity in section 9(2) which would prevent the Secretary of State from proving that the employment was not in fact continuous. It was true that in the present case if the Secretary of State were held liable for the rebate the fund would be no worse off than if the assurance given on behalf of the employer had never been given and the employee had claimed redundancy payment from his first employer as well as from his latest employer. But if the Secretary of State was bound by the employer's agreement or estoppel there seemed no reason in principle why he should not be bound in cases where there would be a detriment to the fund.

However, *Evenden* did decide that the employee's claim against the employer was to be regarded as a claim for a redundancy payment which the employer was liable to pay under Part I of the Act. It was only on that basis that the tribunal could and did have jurisdiction: jurisdiction could not be conferred by agreement or estoppel. If therefore the employers' payment was to be treated as a redundancy payment which they were liable to pay under Part I and did pay, it followed from section 30(1) that the employers were entitled to the rebate.

His Lordship accordingly agreed that the appeal should be dismissed, but did so with the same reluctance as the Employment Appeal Tribunal had expressed at the end of their judgment.

Leave to appeal was granted.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; Baker & McKenzie.

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Advance in earnings slows down, but keeps well ahead of price increases

Caroline Atkinson

Average earnings in production industries increased by 0.3 per cent in May—a marked slow-down from the 3.4 per cent rise during April.

In the year to May, earnings in the whole economy rose by 15 per cent. Prices went up only 7.4 per cent over the same period, so there was a substantial rise in real earnings.

Yesterday's figures were greeted with relief in Whitehall. Officials are confident that the final outcome for earnings rises in phase three will be close to the 14 per cent which has been the Treasury's private estimate for some time.

This is some way above the official pay policy guideline of 10 per cent.

The Government is hoping considerably smaller pay rises in the next wage round beginning at the end of this month. A White Paper on pay policy is expected this week or early next.

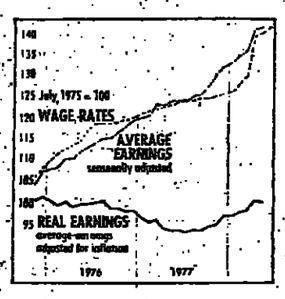
It will include a guideline figure for earnings rises. This is probably be pitched as low as 5 per cent—half the guideline increase for the present round.

Some ministers have been pressing for a higher figure of around 8 per cent. However, the Chancellor, and the Prime Minister are believed to prefer the lower figure.

This is because they expect the actual outcome to be above the published guideline by 1 or 2 percentage points at least, in the same way as the outcome for Phase Three will be above the 10 per cent.

Average earnings in the economy as a whole rose by 12.5 per cent in the year to May. This was a slight acceleration from the 12.4 per cent annual increase in April.

These rises are shown on the new index for earnings, which gives the best guide to the average level of pay rises over the economy as it covers almost all employees.



However, it cannot be used for monitoring short-term movements as it is not adjusted for seasonal factors. The year-on-year rises on this measure have been creeping up fairly steadily throughout Phase Three.

The low point was in August last year, when earnings were 7.3 per cent above the level of 12 months earlier.

The older index mainly covers the private sector, where the pay policy has not been operating so tightly during phase three. In the year to May, earnings rose by 14.4 per cent on this measure. This was a decrease from the 14.8 per cent rise in the year to April.

Monthly changes in the official pay figures have recently been a bit erratic, partly because many pay settlements were delayed early in the year.

The Department of Employment estimates that back pay added about ½ per cent in May to the annual rise of 12.5 per cent shown on the new index.

About two-thirds of the 10 million plus workers covered by major wage settlements had completed their negotiations by May this year, compared to 80 per cent in May, 1977.

In the first 10 months of Phase Three earnings rose by 11.2 per cent on the new, wider index. This time last year the rise was 6.8 per cent.

By mid-July nearly 90 per cent of production employees covered by major wage settlements had completed their Phase Three negotiations. This is about the same proportion as last year.

The Department of Employment estimates that 99 per cent of these were within the Government's guidelines. This is an improvement on the 98 per cent last month.

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British banking expands further into United States

Barclays pay £101m for credit group

By Ronald Pullen
Banking Correspondent

Barclays Bank has become the latest British bank to announce a major expansion of its activities in North America. Last night it revealed it had reached agreement to buy American Credit Corporation for $191m (£101m).

The acquisition follows substantial proposed purchases by Standard Chartered Bank in California, where it is paying $372m (£206m) for Union Bancorp and National Westminster in New York, which is paying $300m for a 75 per cent stake in National Bank of New York.

But Barclays is choosing a rather different route in deciding to buy a consumer finance operation, rather than a straight retail bank.

Like all the London clearing banks Barclays already has a big consumer credit operation in the United Kingdom in the form of Mercantile Credit, which it took over in 1974 when the finance house got into difficulties.

Explaining the philosophy of the latest purchase, Mr Deryk Weyer, a vice-chairman of Barclays, said that he viewed the bank as "an international financial group which hoped to extend its operations in most financial areas" and, he added, "we can do different things in different countries".

American Credit Corporation is the 29th largest consumer finance group in the United States with headquarters in Charlotte, North Carolina. It operates in 21 states in the south-east and south-west through 354 offices and is expanding in the mid-west.

Until 1976, the group was owned by Wachovia Bank, but was sold after a ruling that Wachovia should divest.

Mr Weyer said that he did not expect to run foul of United States regulations which were generally less stringent in the consumer finance field than in banking, particularly as ACC did not have offices in New York or California, where Barclays' existing United States operations are concentrated.

Barclays is to acquire all the common stock of ACC for $50 a share. Total assets are $755m and with shareholders funds of $113m Barclays is paying a 68 per cent premium over net asset value, rather more than the premium Standard Chartered and NatWest are paying for their United States purchases.

But with pre-tax profits in the latest year of $26.8m the acquisition is being bought at only 11.1 times earnings, rather less than the other two banks are paying.

The acquisition still has to run the gauntlet of the Federal Reserve and the Bank of England at a time when United States banking regulators are showing signs of tightening up on the overseas purchase of United States banks.

Barclays reckons that the purchase cost can be met mainly from existing United States borrowings—$100m was raised last year—and any additional borrowings would cause no deterioration in its ratios.

Mr Weyer emphasized that the deal had nothing to do with the controversial £85m deal with the Post Office pension fund for the purchase of the Investment Trust Corporation last month, which was a sterling facility. Barclays has been particularly active overseas recently having bought a consumer finance group in Australia and last week it announced a small, but potentially significant, expansion in France with the acquisition of a merchant banking and unit trust group.

Financial Editor, page 21

Quick switch for brain cells on your microcircuit

Up to now the distinction has been fairly clear between standard microcircuits—those that are mass-produced and used in large numbers in such things as computers—and special purpose or custom circuits, which embody particular companies' expertise and can give the resulting end-product an edge over its competitors.

Though the distinction remains a basic one—but subject to variants such as "industry specials" which are special to a broad application rather than to a single company—an ingenious combination in design was announced yesterday by GEC Semiconductors, Wembley.

This is an automated technique which enables special-purpose circuits to be designed using standard elements or "cells" of logic selected from a library of available cells. GEC Semiconductors has concentrated on special-purpose microcircuits for the electronic equipment industry since its formation in 1971, and the idea is that customers can design their own circuits speedily and part-automatically, starting from the GEC library of logic cells.

The time needed for circuit layour can be reduced from several weeks to several minutes (the speed at which a circuit can be "drawn" and redrawn until correct on a video screen, demonstrated at Wembley yesterday, is nothing short of astonishing). And the entire process of taking the design, checking it, and following through the many high-technology steps of producing the final circuit has essentially been automated.

Supplying custom circuits for the equipment industry will continue to be GEC Semiconductors' role, Mr Chris Turner, director and general manager, stressed yesterday, whatever the outcome of current discussions on standard circuits between GEC and United States semiconductor companies.

"Our objective is to operate in the specialized circuit field", he said. "We have no objectives at all in participating in the standard market."

The standard market needed a worldwide operation, a worldwide customer base, and such an operation would take 10 years to build up from scratch—hence the interest in a possible joint entetprise with an American company.

But the indication was clear that, if and when a joint GEC-American programme to build standard circuits in Britain is mounted, it will be separate from GEC Semiconductors—though the Wembley company would expect to gain access to the relevant very-large-scale integration (VLSI) technology.

The company already has a link with Intel, the pioneer American microprocessors company, through a distributorship deal under which GEC Semiconductors sells Intel products. Production of certain Intel microprocessors for the British defence market is to begin soon.

Kenneth Owen

Leyland cuts stake in South Africa

From Ray Kennedy
Johannesburg, July 19

British Leyland has decided to cut its losses from South African operations and merge with the Sigma Motor Corporation, which is 75 per cent owned by the mining and financial conglomerate Anglo American, headed by Mr Harry Oppenheimer.

Today's announcement was foreshadowed in BL's annual report earlier this year. The company included a £17,100,000 extraordinary item in the accounts to cover any losses incurred in cutting back the South African operation.

Basically it means that BL is reducing its stake in South Africa, although it will retain a 49 per cent share of a new company to be known as Sigma-Leyland. It is not known how much Sigma has paid BL for control of the new group.

Sigma at present assembles Chrysler vehicles, including the British-based Hillman range, as well as Japanese Mazdas and American Dodges. Two weeks ago it announced it was taking over the top-selling French Peugeot operation in South Africa and it is negotiating to bring Citroën cars into its assembly stable.

A Sigma statement said certain final negotiations still had to be concluded with the South African Government. But it is unlikely there will be any major difficulty there because the government has been anxious to rationalize vehicle manufacturing

A BL spokesman in London said last night that the new company would have an asset value of £50m and an estimated annual turnover of £112m. The aim is to reach production of 185 commercial vehicles a day but there will be some cutback on the cars side.

European officials assess Carter reservations on currency plan

From Peter Norman
Brussels, July 19

With the Bonn summit euphoria beginning to subside, European monetary officials are trying to assess the depth of the reservations felt by President Jimmy Carter of the United States towards the proposals for a new European currency system.

When in Bonn, Mr Carter apparently took a more questioning line of Bremen monetary proposals than had been expected or hoped for by the system's advocates.

Part of the problem seems to have been the way in which the discussions in Bonn on monetary matters developed. Mr Takeo Fukuda, the Japanese Prime Minister, is reported to have begun the discussion by making disparaging remarks on the way in which the United States had allowed the dollar to fall on foreign exchange markets and accused the United States of not having lived up to its obligations.

The climate was not improved when in explaining the proposed European monetary system Herr Helmut Schmidt, the German Chancellor, President Giscard d'Estaing of France and Mr Roy Jenkins, President of the European Commission, admitted that the dollar's fall had been the mainspring behind the initiative.

In consequence Mr Carter could not be induced to endorse the Bremen plan in the final communiqué of the Bonn summit. The Americans had several reservations about the Bremen scheme that would probably have emerged even if the discussions in Bonn had run rather more smoothly.

They fear that it could be inflationary by producing a further expansion of international liquidity or deflationary by forcing participants into restrictive policies to harmonize with Germany's low inflation rate of around 2.5 per cent. It is argued that the proposals to pool gold reserves could mean a remonetizing of gold.

Other worries are that the resulting currency relationships in Europe might not reflect underlying economic and trading conditions and that a new European monetary system could shunt the International Monetary Fund, where the United States exercises a dominating influence, to one side.

There is no credence given to suggestions that the British under Mr James Callaghan exploited the American reservations and encouraged Mr Carter not to endorse the Bremen initiative.

But that the British also have doubts about the monetary plan of President Giscard and Herr Schmidt was no secret in Bonn. Mr Callaghan apparently made it clear that Britain had a constructive interest in working out the details of the scheme as long as it is not directed against the dollar.

Britain happy in the back seat

The British Government was extremely pleased at the outcome of the section of the Bonn talks on dealing with currencies.

The wording of the final communiqué refrained from judging the Giscard-Schmidt scheme and said merely that the summit had been "informed" of the EEC leaders' decision to consider a scheme for closer European monetary cooperation. The Prime Minister was able to take a back seat in this part of the talks as the Americans and, it is thought, the Germans and French argued over the form of words.

Giscard stress on energy hope

President Giscard told the French Cabinet that the summit had reached agreement on precise objectives, even in some cases tied on specific figures to boost the recovery of economic activity in the West, and thus improve the employment situation and accelerate growth (Charles Hargrove writes in Paris). In this respect, he stressed, the contributions by West Germany and Japan were significant.

He emphasized that a reduction in the dependence of industralized countries on imported energy had been recognized as a fundamental goal.

Mr Fukuda still confident

Despite the dramatic rise last month in Japan's trade surplus with the rest of the world, Mr Takeo Fukuda, the Japanese Prime Minister, insisted here today that his government was doing all it could to correct the imbalance (Michael Hornsby writes from Brussels). It was now up to other countries to keep the prices of imports from Japan stable.

Speaking at a lunch given in his honour by foreign journalists in Brussels, Mr Fukuda reaffirmed the pledge he gave at the summit to prevent any expansion this year in the volume of Japanese exports. He conceded that he had no legal powers to do this, but he was confident that industry would respect government guidance.

Overall rise in pound's value

Sterling rose in the foreign exchange markets yesterday as the dollar drifted down (Caroline Atkinson writes). The pound's effective rate index measured against a basket of currencies, rose by 0.2 points on the day.

It closed at 62.2 per cent of its value at the end of 1971. Against the dollar sterling gained 1.15 cents to close at $1.895. The dollar was supported to some extent by central banks during the day.

BI backs further pay restraint

Patricia Tisdall

Ministers completed their ...s with both sides of industry on pay policy yesterday, ...re are due to submit their ...l decisions to the Cabinet ...ay. Employers' representatives ...s in a one and a half hour ...sion with the Prime Minister, Chancellor of the ...hequer and other ministers, ...firmed their support for ...other round of pay restraint, ...but the delegation from the ...nfederation of British Indus... also indicated that its support for a fourth stage could ...ditional on the terms.

In particular the employers ...ve strenuous objections to the ...ntinued use of special clauses ...government contracts being ...ed as sanctions against employers who breach the guidelines.

Sir John Methven, the CBI's director general, who had a later separate meeting on the subject of sanctions, with Mr Roy Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection last night, said that sanctions were a "crucial issue" as far as the employers were concerned.

If the Government insisted on continuing the system of sanctions that it introduced in February, the CBI might be forced to withdraw its support for the White Paper, he said.

The CBI delegation also stressed the necessity for greater flexibility in the next pay policy, to enable differentials in pay rates to be widened.

While it has debated the possibility at internal meetings of a two-figure x plus y pay formula, the CBI did not discuss this with Mr James Callaghan yesterday. A two-tier formula which would set a maximum overall figure with a smaller percentage allowance for discretionary settlements, was, however, among the suggestions put forward separately by the nationalized industry chairman as part of a 19-point pay memorandum submitted to Mr Denis Healey, the Chancellor.

Pay bands are thought to have been more tightly squeezed in the public than in the private sector during the past year of pay restraint. The nationalized industry leaders want a specific amount of, for example, two per cent to be allocated on top of a basic pay norm of, say 5 per cent with which to deal with anomalies.

...taff cut at ...exas ...nstruments

Kenneth Owen
...chnology Correspondent

...exas Instruments, the ...erican-owned electronics ...pany, has cut the work... at its Bedford plant by ...out 400 people. This 20 per ...t cut, which is taking place ...mediately, was announced ...employees without notice on ...nday of this week.

This action, the company ...d "results from rebalancing ... meet current business ...uirements, completion of ... move of two product lines ... the company's Plymouth ...ant, and the closure of a ...s-making section which has ...en inhibiting the company's ...ility to invest in other growth ...siness areas".

The loss-making section is ... semiconductor materials ...vision, where silicon crystals ... grown for subsequent pro...ssing to produce integrated ...cuits. About half of the 400 ...undancies are believed to ... in this division.

"With these changes", the ...mpany said, "Texas Instru...nts can now look forward to ...financially healthy and stable ...vironment for the growth of ...w electronics and computer ...siness in its Bedford ...hnology centre."

Mooloya and advisers criticized on Prax deal

Charterhouse Japhet, the merchant bank advising Mooloya Investments in its bid for Customagic Manufacturing, has been accused by the Takeover Panel of making "a serious error of judgment".

This criticism has been made because Charterhouse did not consult the Panel executive about arrangements under which Mr Maurice Prax would procure substantial acceptances of the offer.

In the same context, the conduct of Mooloya and in particular its chairman, Mr Michael Gampell, "merits serious criticism".

The issue centres on a procurement fee of £38,625 payable to Mr Prax, a former consultant to and shareholder in Customagic, which the Panel regarded as an additional consideration to the 20p per share offered to other shareholders.

The Panel has already ruled that the fee was in breach of General Principle 8 and Rule 36 of the voluntary City Code, that the fee should not be paid, and that the general offer should be increased by 1p per share.

The Panel stated yesterday that "it considers that prime responsibility for the breach must lie with Mooloya". It was held that Mr Gampell was certainly on notice that Mr Prax's advisers were concerned about the application of the Code. The Panel found it extraordinary that, only two days later, Mr Gampell discussed with the Panel executive arrangements relating to service contracts to two former Customagic directors and obtained clearance under Rule 36, yet found it possible to avoid mentioning the far more sensitive Prax arrangements.

Mr Philip Ralph, the Charterhouse director advertising Mooloya, "informed the Panel of the concern he felt whilst the offer document was being prepared that the arrangements might be in breach of Rule 36".

On inquiry he received explanations which led him to "conclude that the arrangements were commercially justified and therefore not in breach of Rule 36".

The proper test, the Panel has now ruled, "is whether such payment is commercially justified and would have been made if no shares were owned". The Panel considered that "there is a heavy onus on the parties to such an arrangement to satisfy themselves that there is no infringement of Rule 36, and the best way to achieve this is to discuss the intended arrangements with the Panel".

Buying spree by Imperial nets £6m Eastwood shares

Imperial Group spent more than £6m in the stock market yesterday to secure a strong plank for its £38.2m takeover assault on egg and poultry producer, J. B. Eastwood. In a hectic buying operation, stockbrokers Cazenove, acting for Imps, snapped up over 17 per cent of Eastwood's equity at around the 160p a share offer price.

The Eastwood board, which had already agreed to recommend a £32m offer from Cargill Incorporated, the United States grain concern, worth 132p a share, met again yesterday to consider Imperial's counterbid.

The Eastwood directors have decided not to commit themselves on the new offer before hearing the reaction from Cargill. Meanwhile, the directors have invited Imperial representatives to discuss their offer in greater detail.

Rise in house prices falls to 1 pc a month

The rise in house prices has fallen to about 1 per cent a month after the 9 per cent gain in the first half of 1978, and could fall further later in the year, Mr Leonard Williams, chief general manager of the Nationwide Building Society, said yesterday. He predicted the present mortgage rate would be held until the end of the year. Mr Williams called for an end to the limits on societies' lending agreed earlier this year with the Government because of the "very crude" way they operate. One effect of these limits has already been a big rise in lending for home improvements and extensions, now running at £100m a month.

Manchester site for world trade centre

Britain's second world trade centre is to be established in the centre of Manchester and will be modelled on the facilities for businessmen at London's world trade centre at St Katharine's dock.

In brief

The announcement was made in London yesterday by Mr Peter Drew, chairman of the London centre, and vice-president of the World Trade Centres Association. Two sites for a new building are being considered, one in Albert Square and the other on the derelict Central Station site.

Ship subsidies opposed

The General Council of British Shipping has called for an end to shipbuilding subsidies but suggested that the Government could extend aid to companies in financial difficulties as a result of the world shipping slump.

Avoidance of subsidies was important, because it was in the interest of every one that in the long run the companies that survived should be those which were the most competitive, not those which secured the biggest government subsidies.

Westland dispute ends

The year-old pay dispute involving 2,000 shopfloor workers at the Westland Helicopter factory at Yeovil is over. At a meeting yesterday, workers voted by a majority of about four to one to accept the company's latest pay offer and to lift their overtime ban which has been in force since the start of the year. But stricter control is to be kept on overtime, possibly with a maximum of five hours a week.

Mini stores in Tesco

Tesco's largest grocery superstore of 82,000 square feet at Pitsea in Essex, is to open next Tuesday with a major new retail feature. Four mini-shops, in shopping mall style, will be operated by W. H. Smith, Dixon Photographic, Lilley & Skinner shoes, and Butte Knit on a concession basis.

JOHN WADDINGTON LTD

SUMMARY OF RESULTS
for the year ended 2nd April, 1978.

£000	1978	1977
Sales	41,379	35,814
Profit before tax	2,562	3,270
Shareholders' profit after tax	971	1,528
Earnings per ordinary share	19.62p	27.69p
Dividend per ordinary share	11.31p	6.45p

Highlights from the statement of the chairman, Mr. Victor H. Watson:

- Sales up by 15%
- Pre-tax profits down by 22%
- Ordinary dividends up by 73%
- Rights issue raised £1.3 million
- Capital Expenditure up 88%

During the second half of the year trading conditions for the packaging and printing industries became difficult and on the publishing side our games companies shared in the generally poor trading at Christmas.

The reported profit has had to bear extra costs of pension contributions £233,000 and depreciation of buildings £103,000

Our current expectations are for much better results for the year ending March, 1979.

...low the markets moved

The Times index : 205.15—1.80
The FT index : 467.7—4.7

THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.71	1.65
Austria Sch	29.25	27.25
Belgium Fr	64.75	61.25
Canada $	2.17	2.10
Denmark Kr	11.02	10.52
Finland Mkk	8.23	7.88
France Fr	8.72	8.32
Germany DM	4.08	3.85
Greece Dr	70.25	66.25
Hongkong $	9.10	8.65
Italy Lr	1655.00	1570.00
Japan Yn	405.00	380.00
Netherlands Gld	4.38	4.15
Norway Kr	10.57	10.12
Portugal Esc	86.50	81.50
S Africa Rd	1.90	1.77
Spain Pes	149.75	142.75
Sweden Kr	8.92	8.52
Switzerland Fr	3.61	3.39
US $	1.94	1.88
Yugoslavia Dnr	36.50	34.50

Rates for small denomination banknotes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers cheques and other foreign currency business.

...ises

...glo Am Corp	6p to 322p
...rmingham Mint	3p to 74p
...nstead	4p to 53p
...wty Group	5p to 226p
...rminster	5p to 165p
...oof	4p to 564p
...de Int	5p to 149p
Leslie	2p to 48p
Marston	3p to 71p
Middle Wits	5p to 180p
Scot Invest	4½p to 105½p
Sedg Forbes	5p to 415p
Stothert & Pitt	5p to 183p
Thomson Org	8p to 260p

...alls

...rclays Bank	2p to 325p
...stillers	2p to 183p
...stwood, J. B.	10p to 150p
...thrie Corp	7p to 350p
...over	10p to 290p
...C	5p to 263p
...perial Grp	1p to 80p
Howard & Wyod	2p to 30p
Keyser Ullmann	2p to 50p
KCA Int	1p to 25p
Northgate Explor	30p to 430p
Rio Tinto Zinc	2p to 216p
Salisbury, J.	5p to 195p
West'house Brke	2p to 53p

...uities weakened.
...t-edged securities were dull.
...llar premium : 107.25 per cent (effective rate 46.8 per cent).
...erling : $1.8950. The effective change rate index was at 62.2.

Gold rose $1 an ounce to $185.875.
SDR-$ was 1.24395 on Wednesday, while SDR-£ was 0.660211.
Commodities : Reuter's index was at 1418.4 (previous 1425.0).

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Managers want seat at NEDC strategy talks

By Patricia Tisdall
Management Correspondent

Britain's managers yesterday called for a bigger voice in national affairs. The managers want existing consultative structures to be widened to take in their views and those of the professions.

Among other recommendations contained in a 37-point "Managers' Manifesto" issued by the British Institute of Management yesterday is a request for a seat for managers on National Economic Development Council discussions on industrial strategy.

While stating pertinent, if not original, views on issues such as inflation, public expenditure and social responsibility, the underlying theme of the document is that managers feel in danger of being left out of policy-making consultations.

The BIM, which represents over 57,000 individual managers and nearly 12,000 subscriber organizations, maintains that the present consultative arrangements through the NEDC are not wide enough.

"Affiliated unions have a voice through the Trades Union Congress and trade associations and companies through the Confederation of British Industry. But managers, who do not regard either of the other bodies as representing them, are not involved. Yet managers have special responsibilities for carrying out the policies laid down by the parties to the industrial strategy."

The institute argues that "admission to the NEDC, more than any other single concession on the part of Government, would give managers a voice in national affairs at a time when their contribution is urgently needed".

The managers feeling that they are in danger of being forgotten comes across most clearly in their views on employee participation.

Their manifesto states that the White Paper on industrial strategy published earlier this year "shows that the Government have not recognized the position of managers, who, with other non-organized groups, are denied certain 'rights' accorded only to trade unions".

The managers' recommendations cover 10 important areas of economic and industrial policy. One calls for "consistent economic policies which encourage competitiveness, expansion and innovation in a stable environment so that industry can plan ahead, make the profits needed for investment, and so recreate the wealth of the country".

The manifesto is one of the results of a radical restructuring of the BIM during the past 18 months. The revamped institute, which has relinquished its former charitable status, is setting out, under the chairmanship of Sir Derek Ezra, to represent the collective views of managers to Government and the public.

The purpose of the institute's new representational role, as outlined by Sir Derek earlier this year, is to "play as effective a part as we can in influencing the policies which, in our second role as managers, we shall have to carry out".

The reshaped institute has concentrated on formulating policies on four main areas: taxation and budgetary policy; pay policy; employee participation and industrial strategy.

Judging by the many meetings over the months with senior ministers, the managers are at least getting a hearing. Their manifesto, which is being sent to all the major candidates standing in the next General Election, is an attempt to secure a wider audience.

Burmah challenges Bank's Crown privilege claim

Crown privilege claimed for documents said to be vital to Burmah Oil's action against the Bank of England for the return of the company's shareholding in British Petroleum was challenged in the High Court yesterday.

Mr Andrew Bateson, QC, for Burmah, told Mr Justice Foster that the Crown had refused to disclose the documents, which record high-level discussions involving government ministers and senior civil servants, on the ground that publication would be "injurious to the public interest".

But, Mr Bateson argued, Burmah's action was a commercial matter in which privilege could not be claimed.

In the preliminary issue, expected to last five days, Burmah is seeking an order that 62 documents in respect of which Crown privilege is claimed should be disclosed.

The application is being opposed by the Attorney-General.

Mr Bateson said that at the end of November 1974 Burmah Oil had two principal assets—82,867,365 ordinary stock units of £1 each in British Petroleum, and a 20 per cent interest in the Ninian and Thistle oilfields.

During and before 1974, Burmah had obtained substantial loans from various sources. One was granted under a trust deed of October 31, 1969 between Burmah and the Law Debenture Corporation Co for £54,627,900 8½ per cent unsecured loan stock issued by Burmah.

In addition, in January and July 1974 Burmah borrowed up to a limit of $650m to assist it in buying certain American and Canadian companies.

Mr Bateson alleged that, without prior authority, Burmah's financial advisers, Baring Brothers and Robert Fleming and Co, went to see the deputy Governor of the Bank of England concerning the sharp fall in BP shares following the oil crisis in 1974.

The deputy governor said he would have to inform the Government, and as a result, on December 31, 1974, the Bank agreed to support Burmah by guarantees in exchange for a transfer to them, with an unfettered power of sale, of the major part of the BP stock.

In addition, 51 per cent of Burmah's interest in the Ninian and Thistle fields was to be transferred to the Crown.

The Bank agreed it might be able to provide further finance, but it would require Burmah to sell it the BP shares.

On January 22 it was intimated by the deputy Governor that the Bank would be prepared to assist by agreeing to purchase the BP shares at £2.30 a share.

The hearing continues today.

Giro profit target to be reviewed

By Maurice Corina
Industrial Editor

National Giro, which is expected to report a record profit of £2,750,000 on Monday, has been given a new interim financial objective of earning a 12½ per cent return on its public dividend capital, plus retained profits for the current financial year, which ends next March.

Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, is said to be pleased with Giro's success since it was rescued from big losses by Mr Alfred Singer, the ex-Tesco finance chief who has moved to chairmanship of the Post Office Superannuation Fund.

Mr Varley has decided to retain the 12½ per cent return set by the Government as the average for the three years from 1975 to 1977. But during the next few months the form of the target will be reviewed in the light of the recent White Paper on Nationalized Industries.

The Department of Industry is to take into account the expansion of Giro's banking facilities. This review will be completed in time for setting a new target for a longer period from 1979-80.

Earlier this year financial targets were set for the Post Office's telecommunications and postal businesses.

Some time ago a White Paper on the development of Giro proposed that dividends over the five years 1975-80 should not be less than the interest that would have been paid on the £13m loans converted to public dividend capital.

Next Monday Giro will announce a profit for the fourth year running—in sharp contrast to the £20m losses incurred between 1971 and 1974.

Giro is now handling over 260 million transactions a year, and customers' balances have soared from £182m a year ago to around £230m. The number of accounts is up by 20,000 in the past 12 months to total about 580,000. Business deposits too are said to be up markedly.

First set up in 1968, Giro is now engaged in launching deposit accounts.

Strike threat at Cowley

By Clifford Webb

Transport drivers at BL Cars' Cowley plant are threatening to strike unless the Transport and General Workers Union drops disciplinary proceedings which could expel their shop steward Mr Alan Thornett, from the union.

Yesterday a group of drivers picketed the union's headquarters at West Bromwich where the regional committee was holding a second hearing into the charges against Mr Thornett and eight other shop stewards. The pickets were led by Mr Thornett himself.

He became known as "the mole" for his behind-the-scenes activities at Cowley. After a series of unofficial strikes in 1974 the company refused to grant him facilities to continue operating as a deputy shop steward. He is now recognized only as steward of the 160-strong transport section.

Donald Macintyre writes: Talks between Vauxhall management and union officials yesterday failed to produce a settlement of the dispute which has halted Viva and Chevette production at the company's Ellesemere Port plant in Cheshire.

AVERAGE EARNINGS

The following are the index numbers for average earnings of all employees in all industries and services covered by the monthly earnings inquiry released by the Department of Employment:

	(1) Old series of average earnings (Jan 1970 = 100) seas. ad.	(2) New series of average earnings (Jan 1976 = 100)	Change in (1) over 3 months at annualized rate
1977			
May	286.2	114.9	11.2
June	286.2	115.4	4.2
July	286.5	116.2	6.1
Aug	288.7	115.7	7.2
Sept	291.0	116.6	6.9
Oct	295.8	117.9	13.6
Nov	300.5	120.1	17.4
Dec	304.8	121.7	20.4
1978			
Jan	306.3	121.5	15.0
Feb	311.2	122.7	15.0
March	314.8	125.0	13.6
April r	325.7	127.2	27.8
May p	326.8	129.3	21.6

r revised
p provisional

10pc increase in advertising expenditure

Advertising expenditure rose 26 per cent last year compared with 1976—a 10 per cent rise in real terms—with commercial radio showing the biggest jump of more than 40 per cent.

This was disclosed yesterday in the Advertising Association's annual returns. Although radio advertising had expanded rapidly, it still accounted for only 1.7 per cent of the total advertising expenditure of £1,499m, the association pointed out.

In volume terms advertising expenditure last year rose by only 7.6 per cent over the year before. Thus, the real cost of advertising went up by 2.4 per cent during the year, leaving real expenditure still below the 1973 level.

National newspaper, magazines and periodicals, trade and technical, television and outdoor sectors all showed increases of betwen 25 and 30 per cent.

MPs query industrial aid funding

By Peter Hill

More realistic estimates of the level of financial provisions which may be necessary and on the Government's funding of regional and selective assistance for industry were called for yesterday by a parliamentary committee.

In a report*, the House of Commons Expenditure Committee recommended that future public expenditure White Papers should include a realistic estimate of what further provision was expected to be needed, not merely for individual schemes which could be foreseen, but in general terms, to implement the policy of selective assistance until a decision was taken to discontinue it.

Referring to the Department of Industry's support for rescue operations of the type applied to Chrysler UK and to British Leyland, the committee said it would be wrong to try to forecast future cases, and it was probably better not to try to predict the unpredictable.

But the committee urged that the omission of such figures should be made clearer than it is in the present White Paper. In the report the committee said that on the basis of its inquiries, the Government's funding of regional and selective support programmes for industry was of a "reasonable order", but it expressed doubts about the apparent provision for later years.

It noted tha while Sir Peter Carey, Permanent Secretary at the Departmen of Industry, had said that the problem of regenerating Britain's manufacturing industry was a continuing one, the money envisaged for helping to solve the problem appeared to taper off sharply after the financial year 1979-80.

The interest relief grant, the committee said, was a sensible way of using money, and it welcomed the Department of Industry's increasing use of the grant. Dealing with the issue of selective assistance to industry, made under section 8 of the Industry Act, the committee said studies made into the effectiveness of the sector scheme for assistance to the wool textile industry should be made available to its Trade and Industry subcommittee.

But the committee concluded, Parliament needed to be put in a position to assess the effectiveness of the programmes more accurately that had been the case in the past. It called on the Department of Industry to furnish the results of current and future studies into industrial investment assistance to its subcommittee as they became available.

* *Eighth Report from the Expenditure Committee*, House of Commons Paper 561, Stationery Office, £1.10p.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Effect on customer of PO union's disruption

From Mr D. G. McGill

Sir, Mr Bryan Stanley in his letter (July 17) refers to the disruptive action being taken by his union. His dispute is with the Post Office, but it is the customer who is suffering.

He should remember that industry is three-sided, not two-sided. Certain members of the labour movement have recently stated that those who take decisions should be accountable to those affected by them. Excellent, provided this accountability extends to the customer or his representatives.

Were the Post Office Users National Council consulted before the present action was initiated?

Should not POUNC or the Mail Users Association be represented at future negotiations between the Post Office and the postal unions?

Perhaps Mr Stanley thinks that he who pays the piper should tamely accept what tunes he is offered.

Yours faithfully,
D. G. McGILL,
15 Bardsley Close,
Croydon.

Nationalized industry pensions

From Mr G. E. Barrow

Sir, Under the heading "Financial discipline of pensions" (July 18) Mr Pomery refers to the discipline of funding as an effective antidote to the "promise now, pay later" attitude. The advocates of pay-as-you-go finance put it forward as a simple alternative, but it does, in effect, encompass two different choices, not just one.

If pay-as-you-go finance is to be preferred for the pensions of nationalized industries, which body is to be responsible for paying pensions as they fall due?

Is it to become a central government responsibility, that is, is it intended that pensions for the nationalized industries should in future be treated *pari passu* with those of the Civil Service and of the armed forces? Or is it proposed that each nationalized industry should continue to be responsible for meeting the cost of its own pensions but treating this as a financial obligation against future revenue instead of funding the liability out of current revenue, as at present?

The difference is of some significance because if a nationalized industry shrinks, then under a pay-as-you-go system of financing pensions its reduced revenue will be saddled with a pension burden arising from the past, when both the number of its employees and the size of its revenue were considerably greater. That consideration would inevitably become a further factor which would weigh against reducing the work force of a nationalized industry, even when the necessity for such a reduction had become manifest. Heaven knows, there are already enough difficulties in slimming down any state body.

If we are to transfer the pensions of nationalized industries to pay-as-you-go finance (and I believe such a move would be a totally wrong step), then its advocates should go the whole hog and accept that central government itself should treat pensioners from the nationalized industries as though they were civil servants.

GERALD BARROW,
2 Broadway,
Gustardwood,
Hertfordshire AL4 8LN.

Taxman's inquiry into property sale

From Sir Robert Lusty

Sir, My mother died some two and a half years ago and as one of her executors I was responsible for the disposal of her property in Cirencester. This was completed within a matter of weeks. A day or so ago a terse note from my tax inspector states that "it has come to his knowledge" that I disposed of a property in Cirencester during 1976. I had failed to report this to him and would I immediately submit full particulars.

Since it was nothing whatever to do with him of course I had not reported it and it would be instructive to know by what tortuous route (computerized or human) the information reached him and the cost or commission of acquiring it.

As I cannot at anytime understand what it is the inspector requires from me I have to employ someone who does. His charges are considerable but unallowable and naturally enough they are increased whenever he has to reply on my behalf to quieten the inspector's idosyncratic suspicions. I am, in my seventieth year and have paid income tax for 50 of them without, so far as I know, incurring displeasure. A more friendly computer might be programmed to note such relevancies.

ROBERT LUSTY,
The Old Silk Mill,
Blockley,
Gloucestershire.

Qualifications for marketing

From the Director-General the Institute of Marketing

Sir, I was delighted to read chairman of Yardley's le regarding the "vital imp ance of marketing" and appropriate professional q fications. Mr Morgan asks w the various marketing bo are going to do somet about promoting and deve ing these qualifications a can only say that, in the of the Institute of Marke we have been doing just since the 1930s.

Unfortunately, the mes so often falls on deaf because most British mana simply do not understand modern marketing calls much more than a kind fast talking seat-of-the-p approach. I certainly con that some of our largest most forward thinking panies do appreciate importance of marketing q fications but they are a tiny band indeed.

May I suggest that dire and managers in British panies should acquaint t selves with the syllabii of Institute of Marketing CAM qualifications and, after, insist upon these other equivalent marke qualifications when enga new marketing staff.

PETER B. BLOOD,
Director-General,
Institute of Marketing,
Cookham,
Maidenhead.

Mint offer

From Mr H. L. Emden

Sir, Ross Davies in the ness Diary on July 14 attention to an anomaly some recent Royal Mint a tisements. Regrettably he a misleading impression w I would like to correct.

Response to Royal offers varies considerably for some years Royal advertisements have includ standard statemen readers should "allow up days for delivery". In cases delivery is actually in a much shorter time, current average being four weeks.

In the case of the Gue Royal Visit Silver Crown became clear that we con fact fulfil orders within days and the advertisem were amended accordingly. fortunately, the advertisem in the *Radio Times* already gone to press could not be altered, anyone ordering a Gue crown from the Royal can be assured they receive it within 30 days.

Yours faithfully,
H. L. EMDEN,
Principal Marketing Man
Royal Mint,
London, EC3N 4DR.
July 17.

GLOBE INVESTMENT TRUST LIMITED

Year ended 31st March	1978	1977
Earnings attributable to stockholders	£8,580,944	£7,622,288
Basic earnings per stock unit of 25p	5.755p	5.107p
Dividend per stock unit of 25p	5.0p	4.1p

31st March	1978	1977
Investments at Valuation	£268,454,525	£248,212,009
Net assets	£232,676,913	£210,640,624
Net asset value per stock unit of 25p	155⅞p	141½p

The accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1978 are presented on the assumption that the merger with Cable Trust Limited had been in force throughout the year and the comparative figures assume that it had been in force throughout the previous year.

Extracts from the annual statement of the Governor, Mr. Alastair F. Roger:

- The Directors are recommending to stockholders at the Annual General Meeting the payment of a final dividend of 2.4p per stock unit making a total dividend for the year of 5.0p per stock unit, an increase of over twenty per cent. above the minimum dividend forecast at the time of the merger with Cable Trust. I am confident that this dividend will be maintainable in the current year and hope that it may be increased.
- Net asset value at 155⅞p per stock unit as against a consolidated figure of 141½p per stock unit, an increase of 10 per cent., compares with rises in the FT-Actuaries All-Share and the FT Industrial Ordinary Indices of 16.3 per cent. and 10.6 per cent. respectively. Over the same period, the Standard & Poors Composite and the Dow Jones Industrial Indices declined by 13.7 per cent. and 21.5 per cent. respectively, after adjustment for exchange rate and dollar premium movements. The increase in net asset value per stock unit, when measured against the figures as published in last year's Accounts, is over 30 per cent., reflecting the benefits of the merger.
- The Directors consider that your Company should continue to operate along orthodox lines and should continue to hold a wide variety of investments both at home and overseas. Such holdings will almost inevitably be (in view of the large investments which the size of your Company dictates it should make) in market leaders but the investment managers have been asked to pay attention to yield.
- The task of the investment managers in achieving these objectives has been eased by the abolition of the requirement that twenty-five per cent. of the premium on any investment currency received should be surrendered to the Bank of England and by the reduction in the rate of corporation tax payable by the Company on its capital gains from 17½ per cent. to 10 per cent.

AN ELECTRA HOUSE COMPANY

The Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 1978 can be obtained from the Secretaries: Electra Group Services Limited, Electra House, Temple Place, Victoria Embankment, London WC2R 3HP

The Times Euromarkets and Foreign Bond Quarterly

First issue on subscription out in July.

This quarterly publication covers international bonds, foreign bonds and medium term credits in considerable depth.

It will prove an invaluable source of reference and a useful means to plot trends for bankers, institutional investors, analysts, large private clients, universities and business schools.

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Barclays joins the rush to the US

ging by the pace at which British banks been snapping up American financial itutions and the premiums they are ared to pay to get them, there is a ely held view that the freedom allowed oreign banks in the United States, but ied to domestic banks, will not be wed to continue much longer. It is efore as well to get in while the going od on the assumption that any restric- legislation will not seek to unwind ing operations. Indeed, a Bill to curb ign banks has already passed the House epresentatives and is due to come before Senate Banking Committee in a few time. New York, meanwhile, is plan- to rush through a Bill of its own.

latest deal, Barclays bid for American it Corporation, is rather different from of its predecessors, however. For a crossing state frontiers in the consumer ir field is not the problem that it is for ary banking. Barclays' philosophy is its future growth lies in developing wide ranging financial concern and to end it has already demonstrated its in- in consumer finance—following the base of Mercantile Credit at home it has ntly expanded in this field in Australia. oreover, it would seem consumer ce businesses do not come anything so expensive as banks. Barclays is, ad- edly, paying a 68 per cent premium to value, but in earnings terms the exit iple of 11.1 is very modest in the con- of the 10-20 p/e ratio range typical in sector over recent times. American it's earnings are roughly twice those e bank that Nat West is paying $300m st. As far as Barclays itself is concerned, impact on the basic capital to deposit is marginal, reducing it from 6.9 to per cent.

of more than four provides considerable scope if dividend restraints are eased.

The temptation for profit-taking must be strong at this level, but the prospect of a profits jump to over £30m in the current year justifies holding on.

Birmid Qualcast
A difficult year

Market forecasts for Birmid Qualcast have been steadily lowered this year as the trading picture has shown no sign of improvement and yesterday's setback from £6.39m to £3.8m in the first half was sufficiently on target with outside estimates to leave the shares unruffled at 60p.

The two main problem areas have continued to be foundries—around three-fifths of turnover and profit—where the Massey Ferguson and Perkins strikes have resulted in short-term working for tractor castings, and the irrigation division. Here the unpredictability of the United Kingdom weather has created havoc with demand and sales down a third is a disaster for such a high break-even operation.

This setback stands no chance of being made up elsewhere in the group. Lawnmower sales are only slightly higher, while the Potterton heating side is doing little better than breaking even and the wrought and engineering product divisions have also been in trouble.

After spending so much to modernize itself in recent years, then, Birmid is back to square one as simply another engineering group in a sharply cyclical industry and heavily dependent on the United Kingdom.

For the present Birmid is confident enough to take reorganization costs in the foundry division of £1½m above the line. But despite the board's confidence about the longer term, the second half looks even bleaker. No quick improvement in foundries is in prospect with the MF strike continuing and the seasonal bias to the first half will also be working against it. So full year profits are unlikely to emerge at much more than £7m against £10½m last time and a yield of 12 per cent is hardly compensation for that sort of prospect.

LRC International
Second half reversal

Currency, the Price Commission and the High Street price war took their roll in LRC International's second half. The 10 per cent increase in first half profits was reversed to become a full year fall of 7.5 per cent to £6.7m, or 15.6 per cent to £6.5m without the accounting adjustment for currency movements.

Disappointing though this was, the real action was elsewhere. The rights issue at the interim stage and conversion of a loan stock transformed the balance sheet to leave gearing down from 75 per cent to 40 per cent; and the sale of Pharmax took LRC out of ethical pharmaceuticals.

Thus LRC now consists of relatively small surgical and toiletry interests and a diverse manufacturing operation supplying retailers, and it is into this latter area that the main expansive drive is to be concentrated.

It also means that LRC is now changing itself into a high cash flow, high stock turn company, and this year it is making a determined attempt to reduce its stock level of £24.3m. This should help offset the balance sheet effect of a significant United States acquisition in the $5-10m range.

But, while loss reduction in France and generally less fraught trading conditions should push profits up to perhaps £8m this year, this hardly represents a recipe for substantial growth. The main product lines are sold into both competitive and mature markets, while geographical expansion, helped currently by the probable relaxation of laws against contraception in Spain and Eire, is slow and expensive.

The ability to generate new products in a tight market and the quality of acquisitions are thus the tests for the future. For the time being it is a prospect that leaves the shares resting, as usual, on the yield, currently 9.5 per cent at 35p, and technically held back at the moment by the large amount of available stock.

Economic notebook

Kondratieff cycles on

If a single theme now dominates business thinking it is whether the middle 1070s will ultimately prove to have marked a "turning point" in economic history.

Does the longest and deepest recession for forty years (at least outside the United States) signal the end of the postwar boom and a significant change of direction? Might we now face a profonged period of depressed activity as the pendulum swings back after so many years of prosperity?

Such considerations have provoked fresh interest in the theories of economic cycles and waves. Certainly, there has been a break in Britain's postwar experience of four- or five-year cycles, which took place around an underlying, upward secular trend.

Terry Burns and Alan Budd of the London Business School believe that there has been a contraction in the cycle: that it has now been condensed into two years.

But the possibility remains that these short-term fluctuations in the pace of business activity might be subsumed into a more sweeping long-term movement. Indeed, what is now frequently suggested is that we may have entered the downswing of a Kondratieff (sometimes spelt Kondratiev or Kondratyev) cycle which lasts, overall, anything between 40 and 60 years.

These super-cycles or long waves, are named after Nikolai Dimitriyevich Kondratieff, an heretical Russian economist who was born in 1892 and was one of the early victims of Stalin's purges in the 1930s. He identified two and a half such super-cycles between the closing years of the eighteenth century and the early years of the twentieth century.

The upswing of the first long wave covers the period from 1789 to 1814, a period of 25 years; and the subsequent down-swing continued for 35 years, ending in 1849.

The second wave then sweeps up from 1849 to 1873, a period of 24 years (although the turning point is not the same for the United States as for Europe). The decline that follows lasts until 1893.

The upswing of the third wave ends around 1920. Although this is as far as Kondratieff went, other economists have extended the sequence, identifying the bottom of the third wave in the late 1930s.

The upswing of the fourth wave is held to have come to an end 30 years later, at the end of the 1960s. Thus, the question is are we now just a few years into a down-swing that could last 30 years? These Kondratieff super waves embrace several shorter cycles, but the upswings are periods of relative prosperity, in which recessions are short and shallow. By contrast, the long down-swings are made up of deep and protracted cyclical recessions.

Within the Kondratieff super-wave, a number of shorter cycles have been identified, usually named after their discoverer. Thus, one of the first was the Juglar cycle (named after Clément Juglar who first published his work on the trade cycle in 1856) which are about nine years in duration. This is what was usually thought of as the classic trade cycle.

In addition to these, there are the cycles observed by Simon Kuznets who won the Nobel prize in 1971.

Separating all the different indices on which these cycles are based present a statisticians' paradise, and have led many economists to enquire whether Kondratieff cycles ever existed at all. However, the idea of a super-wave in economic affairs continues to hold a grip on the imagination.

In so far as a Kondratieff cycle does exist it seems essentially to be a price cycle, mirroring the broad sweep of wage rates, prices and interest rates over 140 years. The claims by Kondratieff that he had also uncarthed cycles in the level of production and consumption notably in coal and pig iron, have been widely challenged.

Kondratieff believed that the super-cycles were inherent in the capitalist economic system and he rejected the idea that they were caused by random events like changes in technology, wars, revolutions, the assimilation of new countries into the world economy or fluctuations in gold production.

However, he did not produce a convincing explanation of the mechanism that caused the super-cycle. He contended that capitalist economies stray far from their long-run equilibrium paths—undershooting and overshooting—because of the continual need to replace and expand stocks of durable capital goods.

In his model, the growth of capital stocks occurs in spurts with accelerations pushing the economy above equilibrium into long up-swings and decelerations causing the economy to swing far below its equilibrium path.

The upper turning point—when the up-swing comes to an end—results from over investment, with high prices, low capital returns and declining real income. By contrast, in the down-swing there is higher propensity to save, which combines, in the later stages, with falling prices to give higher real income and wealth to the entrepreneurial classes.

But, more precisely, at just what juncture in a long 25-year, up-swing or down-swing, the relationship between price movements, savings and wealth combines in just such a way as to produce sharp changes in direction is not explained.

Yet, if it is accepted that the Kondratieff cycle is a price phenomenon; what caused this price cycle? Several theories have been advanced to explain it. These include an increase in investment opportunities, which increases the propensity to invest and hence prices; changes in the rate of industrial production; a slow-down of agricultural output; a wage-price spiral; and changes in gold production causing changes in the stock of money.

Of these five possible causes of the price cycle, changes in the rate of flow of agricultural output seems to have been most significant. That is the conclusion of W. Arthur Lewis, Professor of Political Economy, at Princeton University, in his book *Growth and Fluctuations 1870-1913*. He argues that changes in agricultural output (at least from 1870 onwards) had cumulative effects on the price level.

On top of this, an exceptionally sharp rise and fall in money wages caused additional instability in the 1870s. He rejects the idea that the long sweeping movements in prices were primarily caused by changes in the money stock and gold production, pointing out that such changes were less important than fluctuations in the velocity of circulation.

If there is a lesson in all this for our own time, it is hard to discern what it may be. But there is one small consolation for those people who believe we have entered the downswing of a Kondratieff cycle.

Kondratieff was arrested in the autumn of 1930 for allegedly leading the Working Peasants' Party. But his heresy was that his theories of capitalist economies were not apocalyptical enough. Instead of capitalism having the seeds of its own destruction within it, Kondratieff suggested only that capitalist countries which faced great discomfiture half of the time, will enjoy prosperity during the other half.

In 1929, after revisions were made to the Soviet Russian *Encyclopedia*, Kondratieff's long cycle theory was dismissed in one sentence as "wrong and reactionary".

Melvyn Westlake



Marcel Boussac, Jean Mantelet and Marcel Dassault powerful heads of the "empires" they created.

France's enduring industrial dynasties

The dying convulsions of the Boussac textile empire, whose fate is to be finally sealed within the next few days (there is increasingly persistent talk of a bid being made for the whole by the Agache-Willot group, another powerful textile family) has prompted French commentators to ask themselves whether this does not spell the end of the age of the "dinosaurs". These are the large-scale family concerns, with 10,000 to 20,000 employees or more, which until ten years or so ago seemed such a substantial and integral part of the French industrial and business structure.

It is not certain that they are still so today, although the names of Dassault, Peugeot, Michelin, and De Wendel, steel manufacturers since the early 18th century, Prouvost and many others whose names continue to appear among the leading companies in France would seem to prove the opposite.

Between 1958 and 1975 the country has undergone a second industrial revolution, characterized by large-scale concentrations and mergers, far reaching technological change, wholesale modernization and spectacular development, especially in the field of exports, which has taken a sharp toll of traditional family concerns. With the economic crisis from 1974 onwards accentuating the trend, they had to reform and adapt in order to survive. Those that did not simply went out of business.

The Boussac affair has been distinctly bad for the image of family concerns in France. It confirmed all the deeply rooted prejudices of the French man in the street about peternalism and profits—and about feudal "divine right" employers, sole masters of the fate of thousands of working people, at whose expense they filled their pockets.

The octogenarian and autocratic Marcel Boussac, the undisputed master of an industrial empire which was extremely prosperous in the first two decades or more since the war, owner of several racing stables, shooting estates, luxurious properties, pictures, and other valuables, is an ideal target for trade union and left-wing propaganda. His fall is therefore presented almost as a judgment of God, or at least as an act of poetic justice.

Unfortunately for poetic justice, though, this does not fit the facts. What has brought about the collapse of the Boussac empire is a combination of factors, in which, it is true, the negative aspects and built-in weakness of family-type concerns played an important part. But these were accentuated by the sharp worsening of the terms of competition experienced by the textile industries of all the countries of Western Europe, with the end of colonial empires and protectionism and the flooding of the market by the output of developing countries.

M Boussac's difficulties began at the end of the sixties. Negotiations with the Prouvost textile group were started, but these came to nothing. In 1974 Courtaulds was in the lists. A little later M Claude-Alain Sarre, the brilliant director of some of the most important woollen mills in France was, under pressure of the banks, on the point of being called in to put the house of Boussac in order.

In 1975, M Boussac's nephew (he has no children) took over, but his rationalization plan proved a failure, two years later and the government refused to provide any more credit or guarantees.

Whatever M Jean-Claude Boussac's shortcomings as a manager, however, he and all the others before him had foundered on the determination of the founder and patriarch to retain undivided control.

But, apart from Boussac, the Lip watch-making company and Manu-France, the old established small arms and

Charles Hargrove on the family businesses which are a striking feature of French life

cycle mail order firm of St Etienne, there have been few spectacular failures among family concerns of substantial size in France. It would therefore be quite misleading to judge the state of health of French family businesses in 1978 on the basis of what remains a fairly small number of very large black sheep. Most of them have successfully adapted themselves and managed to ride out the storm and the upheavals.

As one French expert told me, "the big families in business or industry have learnt. They have become intelligent. Primogeniture is on the way out. They carefully select the heir who will take over responsibility from a wider circle of relatives or call in proven managers from outside to help put things in order."

What the world crisis has brought to an end is the reign of the *fils à papa*, the old system prevalent in France whereby the heir to a business takes over, irrespective of competence, for no better reason than that he is his father's son.

Even those concerns no longer exclusively owned by one family and whose shares are quoted on the stock exchange are still for all intents and purposes family controlled. Michelin and Peugeot are outstanding examples; and even the Wendel family, which now has only a minority holding in the firm, indirectly, through the ramification of subsidiaries, wields great power.

If there is a decline in family concerns in heavy industry, they are still very strongly entrenched in manufacturing, especially in textiles in the north and east of France, and in distribution. In the last few years some have gone under, but new ones have taken their place. The lame ducks, if they had been well managed, could have remained competitive. There are many examples to prove it.

Moulinex, the manufacturers of household appliances, started just half a century ago by its present owner M Jean Mantelet, now 78, who invented and marketed a hand powered vegetable mixer, is now the leading French exporter in its field, employs more than 10,000 people and had sales totalling nearly 1.5m francs last year. It has very recently been having labour problems, but in spite of a decline in business and foreign competition, remains a very sound and flourishing concern.

But it is by no means an isolated example. Northern France is still dominated by a score or so of great textile dynasties (which proves that the French textile industry is not moribund) like the Boussacs, Prouvosts, Willots, Thiriezs, Masurels and Mulliezs; and by a kind of old-fashioned paternalism allied to sound business sense and modern methods of marketing.

The Mulliezs are very secretive and commercially aggressive family, whose fortune is founded on knitting wool. Through their network of small shops they kept their ear close to the ground and successfully diversified their activities. They own a chain of supermarkets in northern France and have interests in catering as well. The distribution and ramifications of their capital remain a closely guarded secret.

When *Le Monde's* correspondent tried to get in touch with them he was literally told: "Good does not make any noise and noise does not bring any good."

The providing of information for shareholders by firms quoted on the stock exchange—and not only family ones—still leaves a lot to be desired in many cases, though it is improvong. They are under no obligation periodically to publish consolidated accounts.

The question in the last analysis is not whether large French family concerns as such are doomed. It is rather whether it would still be possible nowadays to build up industrial empires like Michelin, Peugeot or Dassault. One is inclined to say "No," at least in heavy industry, because the investments required exceed the resources of even the largest private fortunes. But it is not true or other branches of activity, where the number of successful newcomers shows that the concentration of management and capital in the hands of a go-ahead entrepreneur is still a distinct advantage.

Business Diary: Ogilvy and GEC • Tridant time-lag

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or simple errors of fact". No prosecutions have followed the report.

Lord Nelson, chairman of GEC, let it be known yesterday that Ogilvy had been invited to become a non-executive director because of his Third World and Middle Eastern experience.

In February last year Ogilvy was made a director of Sotheby's, the auctioneers "on the administrative side". This, a Sotheby spokesman said yesterday, is a "full-time" appointment.

GEC, which yesterday declined to name Ogilvy's salary, has recently lost through retirement one director with foreign experience. This is Lord Trevelyan,

■ The house lights had come up, the play was over and the cast were chatting among themselves, but the principal character was still struggling to get from Waterloo to the scene of the action in the shadows of Euston Station.

Tridant Group Printers had finished its annual meeting. While the shareholders exchanged pleasantries and the directors, split by the £2.76m bid from the chairman's private company, exchanged glassy smiles across the boardroom table, the chief protagonist had still not arrived.

Then Tony de Baynham turned up five minutes after the formal proceedings were over and explained that his tube train had been stuck outside Waterloo Station. When he and his fellow passengers were finally delivered into the so-called fresh air of the South Bank he had had to wait ages to find a cab. (The cabbie I picked up later confirmed that central



Once upon a time: former Tridant chief executive Tony de Baynham (above) arrives minutes after the group's annual meeting in London yesterday. Tridant chairman Remo Dipre (below) at the conclusion of the meeting.



London traffic was so bad yesterday that he and all his colleagues were heading eastwards and home.)

The former deputy chairman and chief executive was still in time, however, to discuss tactics with the independent directors and to outline the series of questions he had wanted to ask chairman, Remo "Ray" Dipre, during the meeting.

De Baynham had hoped to get the 63p per share offer from Starwest dropped and had intended to point out that most of Tridant's key executives were all in Dipre's camp. His tactics now are to wait for the formal offer document which will be published early next week and consult with the independents (led by deputy chairman Alban Carey, whose Chirt Investments holds a 17.47 per cent stake in Tridant) as to the form of a defence document.

The scene thereafter was peculiarly English in its gentility. Despite their underlying differences, both sides were able to make civilized small talk in the cramped corridor outside

■ The Office of Fair Trading seems to be losing friends in trying to influence people. The Director-General, Gordon Borrie, is seeking a statutory ban on bargain offer claims of the "flash offer" or "worth and value" variety.

But now the Retail Trading Standards Association, which has all the leading department stores among its members, has come out against the proposals, even though RTSA members undertake only to make claims they can substantiate immediately.

Rosemary McRobert, the association's director, says that it has supported all the big legal initiatives so far made on behalf of consumers. "But we find it increasingly difficult to justify the proposals put forward because they are not necessary and a good deal of what is on the statute book already is not enforced."

Miss McRobert says that she cannot believe that using bargain offer claims which cannot be proved should be made a criminal offence. "The price the consumer will have to pay is not concealed. The claims may be irritating, they may be exaggerated. But those are not reasons for adding to an already over-burdened statute book."

Borrie's recommendations for legislation (he is a lawyer) against bargain offer claims were sent direct to Roy Hattersley, the Prices and Consumer Protection Secretary, without reference to the Consumer Protection Advisory Committee which would have required positive proof that the practice was to the cost of consumers.

A Business Diary item about the Post Office taking postmen's defective bikes off the road has inspired Alison Ryan of London to write recalling an initiative test ...for postmen which required picking out the odd one from five line drawings of bikes. "To add subtlety to this daunting exercise", she says, "while four of the bicycles were drawn facing from right to left, one alone faced the opposite way. It was the task of future Postmaster Generals to ignore the temptation to pick out this singular machine and instead choose that drawn with the chain leading to the front wheel and not the back. I have often pondered over the fate of those who failed this test."

Ross Davies



Union Corporation Limited
Beisa Mines Limited

Both companies incorporated in the Republic of South Africa

Beisa Mines Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Union Corporation Limited, has for some years been prospecting and drilling an area 25 Km south of Welkom in the Orange Free State. A recommendation by the Consulting Engineers to exploit initially a selected portion of the area for uranium with gold as a by-product, has been accepted by the Board of Union Corporation Limited.

Present planning is for the sinking of a twin shaft system and the construction of a treatment plant and reduction works capable of handling initially 100,000 tons of ore per month. Production is scheduled to commence in the latter half of 1982 and capital expenditure in current terms is likely to be of the order of R200 million, but, in practice, will be greater due to the effects of inflation.

The uranium oxide output will be marketed through the agency of Nuclear Fuels Corporation of SA (Pty) Limited. Adequate funds are available for the first phase of the project. The balance of the funding will be provided from Group resources, loans and an offer of shares to the public. The timing of the latter has not yet been decided.

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Back to dividends at Drake & Scull as first-half's figures double

A good first half performance has resulted in Drake & Scull Holdings, the electrical, mechanical and construction engineer, returning to the dividend list for the first time in six years.

Figures for the six months to April 30, show pre-tax profits up 109 per cent to £1.12m, with last year's figures including a contribution of £29,000 from Drake & Scull South Africa, which has since been sold.

Although Mr Michael Abbott, chairman, remains tight-lipped about the group's performance in the current half, it looks almost certain that the group should top the record £2.6m achieved last year.

With this in mind and the expectations for the remainder of the year the directors have declared an interim dividend of 1.49p gross. As a result the shares climbed 1p to 28½p yesterday. Turnover last year fell from the previous level of £21.3m to £18.2m.

Mr Abbott said that the improvement came from across the board and was achieved in spite of the reduction in completed contracts and highly competitive conditions.

Nevertheless, the group's cash position continued to improve and its current liquidity remains strong.

About 50 per cent of the group's overseas business comes from abroad and its main customers include Africa, in particular Nigeria, the Middle East and Far East.

Drake is continuing to expand its overseas business and is currently planning to open up a franchise in North and South America involving industrial vacuum cleaners. At the moment further details are being kept under wraps.

All liabilities involving its venture into the Munich property market have now been eliminated, although this has incurred currency exchange losses amounting to about £278,000. This effectively marks the end of the group's property losses.



Mr M. C. Abbott, chairman of Drake & Scull.

Tougher times at Union

By Ronald Pullen
Banking Correspondent

After last year's bumper profits, the fun has gone out of the discount market in a big way this year as the houses with March year-ends have already been signalling. Earlier this month, Alexanders announced results for the first half of 1978 that "compare unfavourably" with last year and yesterday Union Discount went so far as to say it had made a loss in the first half.

Trading profits were, in fact, sufficient to cover overheads but there was not enough left over to provide for the fall in the valuation of its book.

The real problems did not start to appear until after the budget in April when just about anything that could go wrong for a discount house did so. What discount houses prefer is to see interest rates go up quickly in one jump.

As if that was not bad enough the increases were not spread out but concentrated into a couple of months against the average three month life of its assets.

Coral sells half of A L stake

Coral Leisure Group has sold about half of its shareholding in the amusement machines company, Associated Leisure for some £1.1m.

Coral chairman, Mr Nicholas Coral, said yesterday: "We felt it was a good opportunity on their excellent results to take advantage of a very good investment profit." At the same time, Coral would be holding on to "a sizable stake in an excellent company," he added.

Coral has had a stake in Associated Leisure for about 5 years, and the sale of shares—at around 60p each—leaves it with about 7 per cent of the company.

Last week, Associated Leisure reported a 57 per cent pre-tax advance to £3.49m although the improvement dropped to 50.1 per cent after taking out an £82,000 pre-acquisition adjustment.

Like the major betting groups, Associated is currently striving to diversify away from gambling, but despite hotel and entertainment acquisitions still expects to make around 80 per cent of its profits this year from amusement machines.

Half-time setback at Inveresk

By Our Financial Staff

Inveresk Group has reported more than halved profits for the 24 weeks to June 17. The figure fell from £1.5m to £701,000, while sales rose from £32.9m to £34.4m.

The company says sales of commercial stationery and office supplies maintained a steady improvement throughout the first half while demand for other products showed a slight improvement over the second half of last year.

But the pattern was erratic compared with last year and margins were eroded by wage and operating cost increases.

In papermaking, the decline in the value of the pound against the dollar increased the cost of wood pulp and competitive forces prevented the recovery of these costs.

So the half-year figures reflect difficult trading conditions and, in addition, there was one disruption due to the installation of new plant and also to localized industrial action, mostly unofficial.

The interim dividend is 2.115p gross, against 2.052p last time.

Poor last quarter for Airfix

By Bryan Appleyard

Airfix Industries had a painful final quarter as toy demand in America, Germany and France followed the United Kingdom into recession and the costs of streamlining the Meccano operation had to be borne.

As a result, second-half profits dipped from £2.24m to £1.14m leaving the full-year figure down from £4m to £2.7m on turnover down from £39.4m to £38.9m.

The problems seem to have centred on a sudden caution about stock levels among retailers. Non-toy interests were unaffected and continued to make "encouraging progress".

The picture has brightened considerably as order books have improved and the signs suggest that stock levels are remaining at normal levels. In addition Meccano, though far from out of the woods yet, can see the light at the end of the tunnel in the form of profitability by the end of this year.

Order books in the business tend to be short so it is difficult to make longer projections but Airfix will basically be satisfied with a return to normality in the toy market.

The year pushed overdrafts up by something over £1m but the balance sheet is strong and that position has righted itself since the year-end.

In line with ED 19 on deferred tax, the company has written back £1.54m into reserves against £3.5m last year and it has retained an ongoing provision of £637,000 against £1.6m, last year.

The dividends are increased by the maximum permitted to a total of 4.8369p gross.

Beatrice Foods

Chicago.—Beatrice Foods has filed a motion with the United States Court of Appeals to vacate an order of July 8 staying the proposed acquisition of Tropicana Products by Beatrice. Beatrice Foods said the motion was filed following the decision by United States Judge George L. Hart junior, refusing to enjoin consummation of the transaction.—AP, Dow Jones.

Stock markets

Apprehensive, but little selling

Fears of new dividend curbs again had shares on the defensive yesterday and gilt edged marked time ahead of money supply figures due today. Soon too there will be a *White Paper* on pay to follow the talks between the Government and the TUC another excuse for inaction.

There were also in gilts technical influences at work. The banks are making up figures for eligible liabilities (for publication in a month's time), and the final call on the long tap came last Friday.

In these circumstances, shorts did well to make gains of 1-16. The long tap, Exchequer 12 per cent 2013-17 rose ½ to 95½.

One possible source of support for gilts, switching from ordinary shares because dividends may continue to be curbed, was absent. Once again, there was light selling but profit taking did not become general.

Earlier this year drinks analysts supposed that it was unlikely that this summer could be worse than last. On this basis they plotted useful profit increases, especially for those heavily engaged in beer and lager, such as Bass. But as one dull day follows another such projections are beginning to look too rosy, and the shares dear.

The *FT* index was four points down at 10 am; leaders recovered a little ground to leave the index only 3.5 off at 11 am; but this attempted rally got nowhere. By noon the fall was 5.6 when there was a second rally. But a 1 pm fall of 2.9 gave way to a drop at the close of 4.7 to 467.7.

So far the market has gone in for little more than profit-taking. Before last week's rise, the index was 452.

It was, then, a story of dealers varying prices to encourage business but none developed save for a small bout of selling at lunchtime.

Once more the institutions did nothing. Some thought that a continental seller was at work, disposing of lines in GEC, Plessey, Land Securities and Metropolitan Estates. But there was no confirmation.

At the end of the day, ICI shed only 2p to 382p after an initial fall of 7p. GEC was another case in point, shedding 5p to 263p. Beecham fell 4p to 658p, and Boots went 5p easier to 199p.

For the second day, special cases continued to provide interest.

Fears that the Imperial Group bid will be referred to the Monopolies Commission clipped 10p to 150p from J. B. Eastwood. But still celebrating last week's bumper profits and scrip issue Wallis Fashion climbed a further 10p to 160p. Good figures had Vinten Group up another 13p to 140p.

But yesterday annual profits from LRC International left the shares 2½p easier at 35p. By contrast, the big increase in interim earnings from Drake and Scull hoisted the shares 3p at one time. The final rise was 1p to 28½p.

Dowty Group shed 3p ahead of their figures. After they came out they moved up 5p to 226p.

The moratorium on the debts of shipper Reardon Smith had the "A" shares 2p lower at 32p. In other shippings, Furness Withy shed 3p to 227p but other counters were largely unchanged.

Elsewhere, Wettern Bros were upset by the board's rejection of the W. J. Glossop bid and the shares fell 11p to 93p.

Courtaulds softened a penny ahead of the annual meeting where shareholders were told of "mixed" business. The final fall was of 2p to 119p. GUS "A" shed 2p to 278p. News of a £4.3m property revaluation surplus put 5p on to Stothert and Pitt at 183p.

English Property Corporation weakened 2p to 41p on fading hopes of anything coming from the talks, first reported two months ago, with a Dutch group. Forminster, with results soon, had a 5p rise to 165p.

Among insurances, General Accident were 8p easier at 204p but banks were little changed. Union Discount in discount houses failed to hold on to initial gains and fell 5p to 310p after the interim bulletin.

Associated Leisure weakened a ½p to 62p after the disposal of part of the Coral holding. Renewed bid talk had Dawson International 4p up at 137p. William Baird has a stake.

Among plantations, Guthrie Corporation lost 7p to 350p after the chairman's denial of bid approaches and comments on the "indifferent" start to the year.

A firmer metal price and the result of the United States auction had gold shares b for choice. Harmony rose 385p while Western A climbed 6p to 179p. A American Corporation was for an 8p gain to 322p.

A Johannesburg leak uranium find subsequently firmed put 15p on to Union poration at 295p. UC H ments, a sister group, ju 12p to 244p.

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Equity turnover on July 1 £85,844m (17,151 barg Active stocks yesterday, ing to Exchange Telegraph ICI, Shell, General El Rank Organisation, M Bank, Thorn, BP and RT

Latest results

Company Int or Fin	Sales £m	Profits £m	Earnings per share	Div pence	Pay date	Yr to
AGB Research (F)	—(—)	—(—)	—(—)	2.3(0.75)	31/8	3.4(2
Airfix Ind (F)	38.86(39.39)	2.68(4.03)	4.6(7.6)	1.99(1.78)	—	3.2(2
Amatil (A) (I)	494.98(436.4)	24.7(21.13)	20(20)	—(—)	—	—(—
Astra Ind (F)	7.66(9.47)	1.02(0.81)	3.85(3.32)	0.76(0.67)	—	1.12(
Birmid Qualcast (I)	111.4(103.3)	3.8(6.4)	—(—)	1.5(1.35)	12/9	—(4.
Black Arrow (F)	5.85(5.59)	0.36(0.17)	4.7(2.2)	1.0(0.5)	—	1.6(
Butterfield Harv (F)	48.9(40.69)	2.77(1.75)	13.4(9.2)	2.12(1.1)	31/8	3.25(
Burrough Mach (I)	47.6(40.5)	2.2(3.6)	—(—)	—(—)	—	—(—
Dowty Grp (F)	188.4(136.4)	25.04(18.1)	19.0(15.6)	2.25(2.2)	12/10	4.46(
Drake & Scull (I)	18.18(23.53)	1.11(0.53)	—(—)	1.0(Nil)	4/9	—(N
For & Col (I)	—(—)	2.49(1.99)	—(—)	1.25(1.0)	2/10	—(3.
LRC Int (F)	93.2(87.3)	6.7(7.21)	3.95(4.15)	1.53(2.17)	2/10	2.23(
Hirst & Mall (I)	7.0(6.6)	0.12(0.22)	3.1(5.4)	1.0(0.9)	2/10	—(1.
Philip Harris (F)	9.2(8.4)	0.33(0.32)	10.1(10.0)	2.98(2.6)	25/8	4.2(2
Hampton Ind (F)	11.7(10.6)	0.61(0.56)	2.33(2.14)	0.48(—)	—	0.76(
Invergordon (Q)	4.2(6.9)	0.75(1.23)	—(—)	0.7(0.6)	—	—(2.
Marston, Thom (F)	—(—)	4.2(3.45)	—(—)	1.11(0.99)	—	1.98(
Sheff Refresh (F)	1.15(1.02)	0.18(0.15)	5.99(4.58)	1.83(1.64)	—	1.83(
Union Discount (I)	—(—)	—(—)	—(—)	6.4(6.4)	4/9	—(—

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News di are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.515. Profits are pre-tax and earnings are net. A = Dollars and cents.

COURTAULDS

From the Statement by the Chairman, Sir Arthur Knight, at the 65th Annual General Meeting on 19 July 1978.

Objectives
One of the major objectives in the past year has been to improve the Group's cash position, even at times to the prejudice of making profits. But this was no more than a short-term corrective action and to increase profitability must remain the primary objective, both as the test of management performance and in the long run as the only source of cash for new investment.

A succession of inadequate profits in the past three years has given heightened emphasis to the searching and continuing review of plans and prospects.

The textile chain is a complex one and since many of the textile activities are closely interrelated, it is difficult to give a precise breakdown of the profits which make up the total for our fibre, textile and related interests. But profits from fibres and yarns accounted for well over half of the trading profits of £58 million attributable to these interests. This contrasts vividly with the enormous losses announced by our fibre competitors in Europe. Fabrics accounted for a significant portion of the Group's textile turnover, but consumer products, mainly garments and household textiles, were the more profitable part of textile and related activities other than fibres.

Trading Environment
The three dominating factors which influence trading are excess fibre capacities, imports from low-wage countries and the continued absence of any substantial growth in world trade.

Some progress has been made in Europe in dealing with excess fibre capacities and the major European producers have signed an agreement relating to capacity and production levels for the synthetic fibres. If effective, this should create more stable conditions. In the last three years European producers have made losses of £1,200 million. Courtaulds' own modest fibre profits have derived mainly from their cellulose-based viscose and acetate fibres. But the new situation should benefit their nylon and polyester fibres which have made losses as well as their Courtelle (acrylic) fibres which have been badly hit by absurdly low competitive prices and by a costly, prolonged strike at Grimsby in the past year but for which there would have been a small profit.

The new arrangements about low cost imports are a great improvement and the strong support which UK government ministers and officials gave to the EEC negotiations is acknowledged and appreciated. New problems arise from the proposed entry of Greece, Spain and Portugal – all low-wage countries – into the EEC but the Company feels encouraged to get on with the restructuring that is still needed. If only it were possible to be equally sanguine about the general world textile prospect: Textiles share in the malaise which results from the lack of any real prospect of general economic growth in the near future.

Cellulosics and Synthetics
In cellulosic and acrylic fibres the existing assets and cost structures which are the consequence of good management in the past give market opportunities world-wide and are seen as continuing profitable businesses. In the synthetics, polyester yarn production will gradually expand at the Letterkenny plant which represents an investment of £27 million. Nylon yarn production has been closely geared to supply internal Group requirements; some reductions have been necessary because of cutbacks in downstream activities but other non-Group markets, including exports, continue to be developed.

Fibre Innovations
The fibre activities are closely integrated with those of the research teams and two innovations which have resulted from this concern Viloft, the Company's new hollow filament viscose staple fibre, and their new octalobal Lirelle polyester yarn. Viloft is blended with polyester for fashion fabrics and velours, and with cotton for terry towelling. The reception in this country and in world markets has been most encouraging and production is being pushed up. In polyester Courtaulds believe they are the only producer to manufacture in Europe polyester yarns with the octalobal cross-section which is needed to make fabrics free from the glitter normally associated with textured polyester yarns.

Carbon Fibres
Carbon fibres are another example of the Group's successful exploitation of someone else's invention. Starting from small beginnings, Courtaulds Grafil carbon fibres now cover the widest range of fibre types and applications of any producer in the world. Courtaulds are the largest European manufacturer and against severe competition have captured 15% to 20% of the Japanese market. Work has already begun on a further new expansion to increase capacity in the UK from 100 tonnes to 250 tonnes a year.

Research and Innovation
Future profits from fibres depend very much on the continued technological innovation which comes from a lively research effort. The recruitment of graduates into the research teams also continues to be an important route for the development of senior managers. But a close relationship between fibre managements and their customers is also vital if the customers are in their turn going to be ahead of their competitors in product innovation.

Fabrics
As fabric suppliers, Courtaulds base their strategy in the main on the new and re-equipped weaving mills. The latest of these at Belmont in County Durham represents an investment in new fixed assets of £12 million and should soon be coming into production.

These mills are seen as concentrating on fabrics which are differentiated from those available from the low wage-cost countries but they require a scale of production which the UK market alone cannot support: The rest of Europe is therefore a necessary part of the domestic market.

Exceptional Variety
In view of the exceptionally wide variety of fabrics based on combinations of yarn blends, weaving constructions, finishing techniques, colours and print designs, no UK supplier could expect to offer the entire range. The UK is bound therefore to be a large importer of woven fashion fabrics from other developed countries. Compared with the rest of the EEC the UK still takes a relatively small part of its fabric needs from its EEC partners and likewise supplies a relatively small part of their needs and it is the latter which Courtaulds are interested in fostering.

Corduroy is an example of the kind of fabric the new mills are concentrating on. Apart from Courtaulds installation operated by Dundee Fabrics there are no finishing units of major scale in the UK. Courtaulds took over the installation three years ago from a US company who had been unable to establish it on a satisfactory basis. Since then the plant has more than trebled production, is making higher grades of fabric and has gained The Queen's Award for Export Achievement.

Group fabric strategy is also based on other activities – for example, warpknits, weftknits, stretch fabrics, prints for furnishings – where economies of scale are less overwhelming but where innovation, style and design are crucial to survival. There are also non-conventional fabrics. For example, Courtaulds were instrumental in introducing to the British textile industry the new stitchbonding techniques for making fabrics. They were amoig the first to install a production plant and now offer the widest range of products. A major expansion has been completed to keep up with market growth.

Consumer Products
The strategy for the consumer products group reflects the need in the garment trade to encourage highly innovative, market sensitive managements, each of which has the skills to handle a range of products, each with a comparatively modest investment in fixed assets but with heavy seasonal working capital needs and employing workers with highly developed manipulative skills. This part of the business employs about 7% of the workers in the UK garment industry, whilst the industry as a whole represents 50% of the domestic market for Courtaulds fibres and fabrics. With good management this can be a profitable area of business and the recent improvement encourages this belief.

Retail Co-operation
Sales of clothing to the public in this country are now heavily concentrated in the hands of a relatively small number of retail and mail order companies. There is no doubt that a positive attitude from all these companies towards the UK industry would enormously help it at least to maintain its employment and to improve still further on its already good export performance. This must be in the interests of all in the end. There are examples – all too few unfortunately – of what can be done to the benefit of both industry and retailer if both sides really co-operate on a large scale and with determination to give the consumer value for money.

Vertical Plant
The consumer products group also includes the modern Campsie plant in Northern Ireland, representing an investment in fixed assets of £38 million and embracing spinning, weaving and finishing. In terms of scale, integration of all the processes on one site and concentration upon a limited range of products, this is indeed innovation.

Although Courtaulds span all phases of the textile industry, they are "vertical" only to a limited extent, with Campsie as the outstanding example. Indeed a measure of independence is encouraged to ensure that nobody can take an in-house customer too much for granted and thus lose the stimulus of competition.

British Cellophane
The main product, Cellophane, is increasingly under attack from the newer plastic films, especially polypropylene, but the Company has been developing its own profitable plastic films business. For example, it has been responsible for the development and commercial introduction in Europe of a polypropylene film made by a new and innovatory process and for the development of a new polyethylene film for pallet over-wrapping. At the same time the Company has continued to strengthen its Cellophane interests.

International Paint
This company continues to develop its business successfully.

SPC (self-polishing co-polymer) anti-fouling, their new marine paint, is an example of innovation to enable an established product to perform an entirely new and additional function. This new product not only protects and inhibits the attachment of marine life to the underwater surfaces of ships but also polishes to a smooth surface as the vessel moves through the water. Speed and general performance are improved, fuel is saved and maintenance costs are reduced.

International Paint are also among the pioneers in the manufacture and application in the UK of dry powder coatings – that is non-liquid paints. By using their technological, manufacturing and marketing skills, they are providing the vital link between invention and general use.

Common Themes
All activities are export-orientated; some world-wide, others more concentrated towards the rest of Europe as part of the UK's domestic market.

The continuing search for improved productivity is another common theme. There is no other source from which to pay for increased wages and salaries. In the last year the added value for each person employed was only £4,500 and wages, salaries, social security contributions and related benefits took 76% of this leaving far too little for investment. Some productivity changes do not depend on changes in working methods; they can improve as a result of increased volume. Improved performance is also being sought through better design and styling and the continued improvement in Group garment exports reflects this.

Employee Involvement
Another continuing theme is the effort to communicate more effectively with all who work in the Company and to seek their more active involvement in what is going on at the places where their knowledge and interest have their greatest application. It is hoped that these efforts will not be impeded by legislation which bears no relation to the real issues.

Closures
Closures are part of the necessary process of adjusting the business to the market situation. They are not proposed until there is convincing evidence that they are inescapable. The employees concerned know well in advance where there are loss-making situations through the normal internal arrangements for communication. The record shows that the Company has been flexible in the consultation process.

Dependence on People
The one remaining common theme in Group strategy is the dependence on the managers who have to carry it through. The tremendous support, at home and overseas, which they and other employees have given in coping with the business of the past year is acknowledged and appreciated.

Worthwhile Prospects
For the immediate future the strategy is to exploit the activities which are established. Sufficient worthwhile prospects are there for this to be done. The key is innovation in all of its forms – technological, exploiting other people's new technology, new approaches to marketing, innovation in style and design. Innovation depends not only on innovatory managements but also on having the resources to finance it, which existing well-established activities can provide. Courtaulds continues to aim to have a lot of both.

Current Trading Position
So far this year – seasonally the less buoyant period – trading experience has been mixed. The modest improvement in conditions, referred to in the preliminary announcement, has continued to benefit those areas of the business which respond early to an improvement in consumer demand – notably consumer products and packaging. The paint business has also started the year quite well, particularly in the UK. However, in the fibre and fabric areas of the business conditions remain difficult; activity has recovered somewhat from the low level experienced in the second half of 1977–78 but it still remains below the comparable level of a year ago and it has not so far been possible to increase prices in all markets, particularly overseas, sufficiently to recover increased costs, quite apart from securing adequate profit margins. The immediate outlook depends primarily upon improved results from the fibre activities.

The Resolutions for the adoption of the Directors' Report and the Accounts and the payment of the final dividend on 28 July, for the re-election of Directors and for the re-appointment of the Auditors were carried at the Annual General Meeting held on 19 July 1978.

Copies of the full Statement and of the Report and Accounts can be obtained from The Secretary, Courtaulds Limited, 18 Hanover Square, London W1A 2BB.

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Sir Arthur Knight, chairman of Courtaulds.

term corrective action and increasing profitability remains the primary objective.

On specific issues Sir Arthur said the European agreement on limiting synthetic fibre capacity would benefit nylon and polyester activities while the new arrangements on low cost imports represented "a great improvement".

edgwood's sales up 16 pc

up sales of Wedgwood for rst quarter ended in June close to £18.8m—an se of about 16 per cent the similar period of last chairman Sir Arthur said at the annual meet- London. While this was below the target for the er, Sir Arthur told share- rs of this Stoke-based fine glassware and pottery facturer, he thought that current rate of sales con- d "we should come reason- close to our objective for hole financial year".

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"Given some success in this area", Sir Arthur stated, "I believe that this will be another progressive year for Wedgwood."

He reported that the quiet conditions which prevailed in the home market—and particularly in London—in the period January-March which had a considerable bearing on the group's results for 1977-78, continued into the first two months of this financial year. However, in the second half of June, business in London picked up quite strongly and prospects there and in the rest of the country over the next few months seemed to be somewhat brighter.

Apart from the home market, business in Europe was fairly brisk and the factory in Australia was showing good increases over last year. Sir Arthur said he had just returned from a visit to North America where the United States company's sales were close to budget and the Canadian company had started the year well.

BAT's £11.5m deal in West Germany

BAT Industriees' wholly-owned German subsidiary is to take a controlling interest in a West German floor-covering and textile business at a cost of £11.5m.

The deal marks a new departure for BATs which has not hitherto been significantly represented in the textile industry.

However, a spokesman for the company stressed yesterday that the deal was relatively small within the group context and shoul dnot be taken to imply that BATs had adopted a policy of widening its present range of retail products.

The BATs subsidiary, Interversa Gesellschaft Fuer Beteiligungen, has agreed to pay DM45m for a 54 per cent stake in the ordinary capital of Pegulan Werke, West Germany's second biggest floor-coverings manufacturer. The purchase is subject to approval

Details of from whom Interversa will buy the stake were not given, but bourse sources noted over 50 per cent of the DM35m ordinary share capital is at present held by Fritz Ries, Rudolf Strunz, and Gaspar Zent- chairman of Interversa, said the company also plans to take over part of the DM7m preference share capital formerly held by Riesn, but he did not elaborate.

Interversa plans to expand the synthetic materials and textiles side of Pegulan's activities.

Herr Stuetzer said Pegulan expects its turnover in the current year to end-September to total over DM500m, but he did not give a profit estimate. Figures for the year to end-September, 1977, were not immediately even in 1975-76 on turnover of DM338m after a net loss of DM5,000 in 1974-75 on turnover of DM272m.

JOHN EMSLEY
Pre-tax profit for year to March 31 was £135,100, against £59,200. No dividend will be paid (same).

PHILIP HARRIS HOLDINGS
Turnover for year to March 31, £9.2m (£8.4m). Pre-tax profit, £702,200 (£685,200). Earnings per share, 10.1p (10.0p). Final dividend, 4.4p gross (3.81p gross), making total for year of 6.3p gross (5.75p gross).

RACAL
The formation of a new Racal company, specialising in the rapidly growing area of safety products for industry, is announced. It will be called Racal Safety Limited and is based at Wembley, Middlesex.

WOLF ELECTRIC TOOLS
Subject to dividend restraint, the board plans to introduce interim dividends.

RAJAWELLA PRODUCE
The cash offer by A. Mendez (UK) for Rajawella Produce Holdings is unconditional and remains open. Mendez owns over 50 per cent of the capital.

ARBUTHNOT LATHAM
Arbuthnot Latham Holdings' holding in Hamilton Leasing (about 10 per cent of the voting capital) has been sold to Finance for Industry, of which Hamilton now becomes a wholly-owned subsidiary. Sales proceeds: about £854,000.

LOWER PERAK TIN DREDGING
Directors recommend final payment of 25 cents making total for year of 40 cents.

FOREIGN & COLONIAL INV TST
Pre-tax revenue for half-year to June 30, £2.49m (£1.99m). Net asset value, 236p (205p). Interim dividend, 1.86p gross (1.49p).

Briefly

HOWARD TENENS SERVICES
Howard Tenens Services is to sell to Tratpak, a subsidiary of Pakhoad Holding, NV, the Howard Tenens forward division, for £393,000, subject to adjustment.

L. & O. FREIGHTERS
London and Overseas Freighters' chairman told the annual meeting that talks with the Government on compensation for Lofs' subsidiary, Austin and Pickersgill, have started.

JONES, STROUD HLDGS
Turnover for year to March 31 was £25.5m (£21.0m). Pre-tax profit was £2.4m (£2.1m). Earnings per share were 21.3p (14.6p). Final dividend is 4.55p gross (3.8p gross), making total for year of 6.9p gross (6.2p gross).

BERJUNTAI TIN BREDGING
Directors recommend payment of final dividend of 60 cents making total of 110 cents.

HAMPSON INDUSTRIES
Turnover for year to March 31, £11.7m (£10.6m). Pre-tax profit, £614,000 (£566,000). Earnings, 2.33p (2.14p). Final dividend 0.72p, making total 1.13p.

SHEFFIELD REFRESHM'T HSE
Turnover for year to March 31, £1.15m (£1.02m). Pre-tax profit, £180,000 (£149,000). Earnings, 5.99p (4.58p). Dividend, 2.72p gross (2.43p).

MARSTON, THOMPSON
Pre-tax profit for year to March 31, £4.2m (£3.4m). Final dividend 1.66p, making 2.95p gross (2.5p).

Butterfield-Harvey at £2.8m pre-tax

Butterfield-Harvey increased profits from £1.75m to £2.8m in the year to April 1. Turnover rose from 40.7m to £48.9m.

The board says most companies in the group reported improved results but losses in the Greenwich division continued longer than had been expected. An extraordinary items charge of £421,000 includes the cost or reorganization in Greenwich as well as closure costs of the Associated company's Belgian subsidiary.

The company has adopted ED 19 on deferred tax and restated last year's figures accordingly so earnings per share are up from 9.2p to 13.4p, The comparable figures on a full tax charge would be 5.8p and 9p.

The total dividends for the year are 4.85p gross, a payout which is 4.1 times covered.

Trading results for the first quarter of the current year are "encouraging" and the board is confident of a further profits advance.

Hanson places Heywood stake

Hanson Trust has placed all its 21.8 per cent holding in Heywood Williams Group, the metal windows and door frames company, following discussions between the chairmen of the two companies.

The placing was done at the request of Heywood Williams' chairman Mr D. P. Oliphant in order to increase the group's institutional shareholdings. Mr Oliphant paid tribute to Hanson's support specially during the cash crisis of 15 months ago and reaffirmed his earlier statement that prospects for the current year remained excellent.

Record first half for U K Provident

New business figures achieved by UK Provident in the six months to June 1978 have greatly surpassed the record set in the first half of 1977. The total new premium income written to June 30 was £8.56m an increase of 90.6% over the same period last year (£4.49m). Annual premiums written were £6.6m and sums assured exceeded £220m.

Interim decline at Hirst & Mallinson

Hirst & Mallinson reports a fall in profits from £217,000 to £125,000 in the six months to April 29 on turnover up from £6.6m to £7m. However, full-year figures are expected to show an improvement on last year's total of £330,000 and it expects exports for the full year to match those in the past twelve months. The interim dividend is raised from 1.34p gross to 1.49p.

Property revaluation at Stothert & Pitt

Property valuation of Stothert and Pitt on open market basis as at April 26, has been amende to £5.6m. This compares with a book value of £1.3m at July 2, and this book figure is based on a valuation in 1958, plus subsequent additions at cost. The board are now considering this valuation figure. These considerations include the necessity to provide for capital gains tax which might be payable in the event of properties being sold at the figures shown in the valuation, and the need to make such other adjustments as they feel it prudent to make.

Episure buys tarmac group for £106,000

Epicure Holdings has acquired Trevor Wallis for £106,000. Satisfied by payment of £75,000 in cash and the issue of 250,000 ordinary shares. In the year to June30, Wallis, which specialises in tarmac surfacing in the Lincolnshire area, made profits before taxation of £1,000 on sales of about £214,000; net assets at that date totalled £70,000.

Options

The traded options pitch was quieter yesterday after the excitement of Tuesday and the quickening volume of business last week. The number of contracts arranged was only 465.

Land Securities went into the background after its blaze on Tuesday. The large covered writer who dominated business that day was understood to be De Zoete & Bevan. But yesterday deals dwindled to 32.

Into the lead went ICI with 111 contracst followed by Shell with 82. Courtaulds with an annual meeting yesterday had 54 deals fixed up.

Union Corporation to enter uranium field

Union Corporation is to break into the uranium field with the development of an R200m (about £123m) uranium mine in the Orange Free State.

Production is scheduled to begin in the latter half of 1982, but by then the cost of the mine will have escalated through inflation since the R200m estimated cost is at current prices.

The company said yesterday that current planning is to sink a twin shaft system and construct a treatment plant and reduction works capable of handling, initially, 100,000 tons of ore a month.

No information has been given on the potential uranium recovery grade.

The mine will produce gold as a by-product.

Adequate funds are available for the first phase of the project, the company reported. The balance will come from Unicorp, loans and an eventual partial public flotation.



Mr Edward Pavitt, chairman of Union Corp.

Mining

The prospect is 25 kilometres south of Welkom where Beisa Mines, a wholly owned Unicorp subsidiary had been prospecting and drilling for several years.

The mine will give Unicorp its first stake in uranium and will make General Mining, which has in excess of 50 per cent of Unicorp, more important in South Africa's energy field.

General Mining's major uranium producer is Buffelsfontein, which produced 149,600 kilogrammes of uranium in the June quarter compared with 156,400 kilogrammes in the previous three months.

While the prospect is an important diversification for Unicorp, it is not that significant to the group as a whole, although the shares did rise 15p to 295p yesterday after the story leaked out in Johannesburg before the official announcement.

It is an expensive project and primarily a uranium one with gold only as a by-product. Much of the euphoria has gone out of the uranium scene and many experts believe that the price will be under considerable pressure. This is particularly relevant to this project since it will be coming on stream at the same time as some of the Australian uranium mines.

Meanwhile, the two group's have announced the June quarterly results from their gold mines. Marievale, which has been very closely followed in the stock markets of late, reported an increase in working profits to R1.84m from R1.58m in the previous quarter after both the grade and milling rate fell. The result is unlikely to cause much pleasure.

At General Mining, Buffelsfontein managed to increase its milling rate slightly despite being hit by an earthquake which killed several employees and disrupted underground working. The mine drew on the stockpile which had been built up in the past.

Gold working profits at Stilfontein rocketed after costs had been kept under sharp control.

GOLD WORKING PROFITS
(Rand million)

UNION CORPORATION

	June qtr	March qtr
Grootvlei	2.426	2.349
Winkelhaak	13.313	10.899
Bracken	4.183	3.480
St Helena	12.721	10.275
Kinross	8.682	7.314
Marievale Cons	1.835	1.580
Leslie	2.043	0.924

GENERAL MINING

Buffels	13.500	10.553
S Roodepoort	0.019*	0.204*
W Rand	6.054	4.460
Stilfontein	4.512	1.530

Desmond Quigley

BUTTERFIELD-HARVEY

A Successful Year

	1977/78	1976/77
Sales	£48.9m	£40.7m
Profits before tax	£2.77m	£1.75m
Profits after tax*	£1.95m	£1.32m
Earnings per share	13.4p	9.2p
Dividends per share	3.25p	2.1p
Dividend cover	4.1 times	4.4 times

*(tax calculated under ED19)

"Trading results for the first quarter of the current year are encouraging and the Board is confident of a further advance in profit in 1978/79."

S. A. Roberts, C.B.E.
Chairman

Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts are available from the 28th July, 1978, from the Secretary.

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THE NORTHERN SECURITIES TRUST

(A member of the Association of Investment Trust Companies)

Highlights from the statement by the chairman
The Hon. R. Hanning Philipps

The asset value has improved during the period by 20.6%.

Dividend increased by 15%.

Your board still considers that a wide degree of geographical spread should be maintained.

The breakdown of the portfolio shows that the total U.K. content has fallen to 56%. Japan and the Far East represent 21% and the United States 15%.

Managers: GT Management Ltd., Park House, 16 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7DJ.

Imagine: A bank that turned 1977 into a great year all over the world.

1977 was a good year for the Dresdner Bank. A very good year. Frankly, we have done far better than our optimistic forecasts led us to expect. Why?

Perhaps because we try hard to treat our clients' business imaginatively. (Something that a bank with over a century of international experience knows how). Perhaps because we try to offer our clients a personal service they wouldn't get elsewhere.

Our new representative offices (in Hong Kong, Houston, Jakarta and Toronto) have done quite well in the short time they have been open. Proof perhaps that our kind of banking is what business needs nowadays.

With the total assets of the Dresdner Bank group now standing at almost 120 billion DM, we are poised for another great year all round the world.

Take a good look at the figures opposite and decide whether Dresdner Bank isn't the business you need in 1978.

Important figures from the Consolidated Balance Sheet at December 31, 1977 and 1976

	in millions of DM 1977	1976
Total assets	97657	84980
Total lending business	74783	67529
Loans extended on bills	4389	3957
Claims on customers	33759	30803
Mortgage bank lendings	21667	18449
Loans and advances to banks	4682	4057
Guarantees	10286	10263
Bonds	3662	2874
Other securities	1595	1324
Deposits by non-bank customers	68877	60831
Demand deposits	9553	8198
Time deposits	21382	19228
Savings deposits and savings certificates	16346	14994
Liabilities in the mortgage bank business	21596	18411
Capital and reserves	2868	2688
Capital	799	790
Published reserves including items resulting from consolidation	2069	1898

The complete Annual Statement of Accounts at December 31, 1977, audited by Treuhand-Vereinigung Aktiengesellschaft, Frankfurt/Main, was published in the Bundesanzeiger No. 94, of May 23, 1978.

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MEMBER OF ABECOR

Guthrie says Sime Darby has made no bid approach

The Guthrie Corporation's chairman, Mr Eric Griffith-Jones, said the company has not been approached by Sime Darby or any other company, regarding a possible offer for Guthrie.

He told yesterday's annual meeting that despite speculation that an offer may be made by Sime Darby and the substantial increase in the price of Guthrie shares, Sime Darby had made a statement to the Singapore Stock Exchange recently that it had no present intention of raising its investment in Guthrie.

Mr Griffith-Jones said the share register showed other eastern shareholdings in Guthrie, including many acquired recently, but there is no evidence to link these to a potential buyer.

Guthrie recently reported a 1977 record pre-tax profit of £19.68m compared with £13.27m in 1976 on turnover of £282.88m, against £289.87m. The chairman said that results for the first half of 1978 will be below the high level achieved in the first half of 1977, but, although the first half started indifferently, there was an improvement in the second quarter.

Sime Darby loan terms

Kuala Lumpur, July 19.—The eight-year $475m syndicated loan for Sime Darby Holdings' wholly-owned subsidiary, Malaysian Oriental Holdings, is divided into 250m Ringgit and $225m (Singapore), banking sources reported.

They said the $150m floating-rate part of the Singapore dollar portion was oversubscribed and carries interest at ¼ per cent above Singapore prime rate, currently 7 per cent, for the first three years and at ½ per cent for the remaining five years. The $75m (Singapore) fixed-rate tranche carries interest at 8.375 per cent as does 75m Ringgit of the Malaysian portion.

The banking sources said the remaining 175m Ringgit portion carries interest at ¼ per cent above Malaysian prime rate, currently 7½ per cent, for the first six years and at ½ per cent for the remaining two.

Polaroid enjoys strong second quarter in all markets

International

Cambridge, Mass.—Polaroid Corporation's domestic and international operations produced record results in the second quarter to June 30.

The company earned $26.2m (£114m) or 80 cents a share on a 28 per cent increase in sales to $319.7m. The president Mr William McCune Jr, said the effect of foreign exchange on share-earnings produced a two cents gain in the quarter, compared with a negligible effect a year earlier. He noted that consolidated first-half sales were the highest in Polaroid's history and up 27 per cent from the 1977 half.

Camera and film sales in the quarter were very strong and camera sales in the first half a record for any first half.

"Demand continues to exceed supply despite record production levels at our camera-assembly plants here and abroad", he said. Film sales weer a record in the quarter, with unit sales of SX70 film more than 90 per cent above the peak levels of a year earlier.

Polaroid later this month will begin shipping two new cameras, at suggested prices of $249.95 and $99.95, that feature sonar echo-ranging devices. The device uses sound waves to automatically focus and produce a developing colour picture at the touch of a single button.—Reuter.

CSR dependent on economic recovery

Sydney.—There are a few signs that Australian demand and economic growth may be picking up, but both in Australia and overseas economic conditions are still far short of buoyant, the CSR Ltd chairman, Sir James Vernon, said.

CSR's performance will be much influenced by the pace and extent of recovery in local and foreign economic activity and in international trade. He did not specify how the board expected the company to perform this year. After-tax profit rise to $A43.8m in the year ended March 31 from $A41.0m the previous year. But he did note there were a number of positive indications for the current year.

Cattle prices have strengthened substantially recently. On sugar, the present world surplus is exerting downward pressure on prices and the delay in ratification of the International Sugar Agreement has tended to dampen expectations of an early price rise. CSR is making progress in developing markets other than Japan for iron ore and coal exports, following an expected slower growth rate for the Japanese steel industry.—Reuter.

Du Pont's second-half results expected to lag behind first's

Wilmington.—Du Pont Co expects second-half results, as is traditional to lag behind those of the first half, but performance for the rest of the year should be reasonably good.

In 1977, Du Pont earned $545m (£289m) or $11.06 per share on sales of $9,430m. The company said its second-half outlook depends on the strength of its key customers which are the car, housing and textiles industries, in addition to the international economic climate.

Du Pont attributed the higher second-quarter and first-half results to continuing strength in speciality products and continued improvement in some areas of the textile fibre business, partly offset by some deterioration in commodity chemicals profitability.—Reuter.

Sabena loss higher

Brussels.—Sabena made a loss of 2,200m Belgian francs (about £36m) in 1977, compared with a loss of about 1,480m francs (£24m) in 1976, the airline reported at its annual shareholders' meeting here. The Belgian Government owns 90 per cent of the company.

After a state subsidy of 1,200m francs was taken into account, the 1977 loss stood at 1,000m francs. Turnover last year reached 19,000m francs. Traffic had risen by only 5.7 per cent over the year before, with that in Europe, the Middle East, Africa and Asia rising and that on the Atlantic falling. In the first half of this year, however, traffic was 9.7 per cent higher than the same period last year. Sabena announced a five-year plan to restore its financial balance.—AP-Dow Jones.

US Food profits

Washington. — The Federal Trade Commission reports that after-tax profits of large United States food chains rose to $141m (about £75m) in the first quarter of this year, compared with $134m in the same 1977 period. This represented an 0.8 per cent profit on sales of $18,260m. In the previous period, the percentage was also 0.8 per cent, but on lower sales of $16,770m.—Reuter.

Amatil

Sydney.—Amatil Ltd expects profits for the year ended October 31 to be higher than the $A24.16m earned after tax in the previous year. As reported earlier, the group lifted after-tax profit to $A14.29m in the first half ended April 30 from $A12.91m. The company noted its first-half profit would have shown a greater increase if it had adjusted the year-earlier figures for the retroactive increase in company tax, announced last August, to 46 per cent from 42½ per cent.—Reuter.

Continental Illinois

Chicago.—Continental Illinois Corporation, parent of Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company of Chicago, reported record second-quarter income before security transactions of $40.1m or $1.12 a share, up 14.2 per cent from the second quarter of 1977. Net income for the quarter was $39.6m or $1.11 a share, crease of 11.7 per cent. I before security transactic the first half of this year led $80.29m or $2.25 a sl 14.6 per cent gain.

BIC first-half sales

Paris.—The BIC multin group, which manuf and markets throwaway and lighters has reporte half, after-tax sales of francs, an increase of cent on the year-earlier On a constant exchan basis, the increase was cent. The parent compan recorded sales of 246.1m or 19 per cent more.—

Toshiba down 34 p

Tokyo.—Toshiba Corp that its consolidated ne for the year ended Ma fell to 2,356m yen (abou down 34 per cent fr previous year. Const sales rose by 9 per AP-Dow Jones.

Nippon Steel

Tokyo.—Nippon Steel to float a DM.100m bond German capital marke month through an unde group led by Deutsche B Terms have not ye fixed, but Nippon Steel tained issue approval fr Japanese Finance Mir Reuter.

Weyerhaeuser

Tacuma, Wash. — haeuser Co has attribute per cent second-quarter rise to strong domestic b material demand and in efficiency at new and i ized facilities, but it s international pulp and board markets continue depressed. The firm's quarter earnings rose cents from 69 cents a while sales rose to $985 $843m. The company a its property subsidiary higher first-half r Reuter.

INVERGORDON DISTILLERS

Extracts from Chairman's Statements

■ Profits before tax for the year ended 31st March 1978 increased by 52 per cent to £2,805,000, thus continuing the trend of over 20 per cent compound growth for the previous five years.

■ Findlater's Finest and Glendrostan the Company's two main brands, substantially increased their overseas sales. U.K. sales of Tamnavulin-Glenlivet single malt whisky again increased dramatically.

■ The industry has begun to rectify the anomaly whereby matured Scotch whisky is being sold at below current replacement cost of new fillings. This improvement should continue and will accelerate from 1979 onwards, when a shortage of mature whisky available is likely.

Current Trading

■ The unaudited results for the three months to 30th June 1978 show a profit before taxation of £757,000 on a turnover of £4,203,000. These figures compare with the profit before taxation for the six months to 30th September 1977 of £1,227,000 on a turnover of £6,929,000.

■ As a result of Hawker Siddeley acquiring a controlling interest in Carlton Industries, owners of 76.2 per cent of the issued share capital of Invergordon, the Company's accounting year end will be changed to 31st December. An interim dividend of 0.7p per share has been declared payable on 4th October 1978 to shareholders on the register on 6th September 1978 and it is expected that a final dividend will be paid in May 1979. It is not intended to issue a further interim statement in respect of the current accounting period, which is expected to show a further increase in turnover and improved margins over the same period last year.



Copies of the accounts are available from The Secretary Invergordon Distillers (Holdings) Limited Ashley House, 181-195 West George Street, Glasgow G2 2NL

Property yields

Leaving the prime herd

There have been disturbing signs of late that the property market is feeding an artificial, sharply delineated, boom. A two-tier structure has been set up in that the investing institutions have appeared willing only to buy sites considered to be prime. Rack-rented yields on such properties have come down to 4 per cent for shops, about 5 per cent in the office market and not very much over 6 per cent in respect of warehouses and factories.

To match the redemption yield of 15 year gilts, the required rental growth on shops would have to be maintained at 7.53 per cent. In offices, rents would have to rise at a compound annual rate of 7.62 per cent while warehouse rents would have to achieve 5.91 per cent rental growth. That is asking a lot. In broad terms, the rent on a well-located shop in the Home Counties might have to rise from current levels of £25,000 to about £74,000 after 15 years which would be a substantial and perhaps an untenable burden for the retailer to bear.

Arguments as to what is a prime property generally conclude that a site must be well constructed, modern, of good covenant and, above all, well located. The definition, Richard Ellis have pointed out, does not appear to revovle around whether the return from an investment is properly underpinned by suitable potential for rental growth or adequately reflects the risks inherent in such investment when compared with alternatives.

In its latest property investment report, the firm asks whether it might not be possible to distinguish between "prime property" and "prime investment property"?

Location is the essence of this differentiation. For in purely financial terms, it is equally correct to buy a shop in High Street Rotherham yielding 6 per cent if rental values grow at an annual rate of 7 per cent as it is to buy a similar site in High Street Guildford at 4 per cent (because certain sites in Surrey fal into the conventional prime definition) on the assumption that rental values will grow at 9 per cent.

The firm's thesis is that if the institutions invest only in "prime property" an unjustifiable yield gap will open up (if it does not already exist) between prime and the rest.

Why, one would naturally wonder, should institutions follow this path with such single-mindedness? The answer is first that the herd instinct applies to the institutional investor as much as anybody else. Secondly, the firm identifies a "surprising lack of sophistication" in the property investment industry and lastly, equally damaging "there appears to be a certain lack, both of preparedness and ability, on behalf of the property adviser, whether in-house or external consultant, to present appropriately argued cases for investing in other than prime property, where yields are suitably increased to reflect not only reduced potential rental appreciation, but also the differential in risk inherent when one departs from the firm basis of prime'.

To tempt institutions out of the safe harbour of what are now highly priced prime sites would require the provision of a great deal of statistical data on the relative performance of certain types and categories of property by reference to past rental growth.

It is suggested that the use and projection of such data "will be of far greater use to the institutions than the mere provision of a property "index" against which all other forms of other property investments or for that matter other forms of investments may be compared".

It must be said at once that a number of very well received indices are already in existence but there is a growing feeling among many institutional investors that a very comprehensively based index of both capital and rental values is required. Richard Ellis states that this should be applied probably on to the specifically defined localities such as the City of London. That may be right in the light of the potential problems comprising input, weighting and disclosure that construction of such an index would require.

Ray Maughan

Brooke Bond Liebig in livestock deal

Baxters (Butchers), the principal company within Brooke Bond Liebig's UK meat division has negotiated an agreement with Favor Parker Limited of Norfolk to acquire 25 per cent of the shares of their subsidiary Favor Parker (Livestock) for £125,000. The livestock company resulting from this joint venture will be named Baxter Parker Limited and Brooke Bond Liebig will advance the new company a medium-term loan of £250,000. Baxters, headquartered at Northampton, where they have their major £5m abattoir, have over 400 retail butcher shops throughout the United Kingdom as well as being in the wholesale meat and cash-and-carry business.

CRESCENT JAPAN INVST TRST

Pre-tax revenue for six months to June 30 was £140,000 (£11,700). Earnings per share were 0.70p (0.06p).

Business appointments

Mr Angus Ogilvy joins GEC board

Mr R. J. Clayton, Mr Angus Ogilvy and Mr David Powell have joined the board of GEC. Mr Clayton is GEC's technical director, and Mr Powell managing director of the diesel group.

Mr W. Fieldhouse, chairman and chief executive of Letraset International, and Mr C. A. Thompson, coordinator of Shell Chemicals, are to become non-executive directors of Carrington Viyella.

Mr M. J. Dowdy is named finance director (designate) of Sime Darby Holdings from October 1.

Sir John Lidbury, vice-chairman and deputy managing director of Hawker Siddeley Group, has been appointed a director of Invergordon Distillers (Holdings).

Mr W. P. Coe has been made a managing director of Alexander Howden Insurance Brokers. Mr J. L. Hill, Dr A. Monneret de Villard and Mr A. C. Tanner have been made directors.

Mr C. M. Cavaye has become general manager and actuary of Scottish Widows' Fund and Life Assurance Society from October 1 in succession to Mr G. A. Kingsnorth, who retires on September 30.

Mr M. W. Forrest, a group personnel director of Distillers, is to be an employer member of the Food Drink and Tobacco Industry Training Board.

Mr Michael Slinger has joined the board of John E. Fells as managing director.

Mr P. R. Clayton, chairman and managing director of Butler Till and Guy Butler (International), and Mr A. W. S. Turner, managing director of Sime Darby Trading, join the board of Sime Darby's western international division. Two non-executive directors, Mr J. C. Dennett and Mr G. E. Liardet, have stepped down.

Mr Robert Botcherby, managing director of European Arab Bank, joins the board of European Arab Holdings, Luxembourg, as group managing director.

Mr T. F. Honess has been appointed a director of Butterfield-Harvey.

Mr A. D. Gemmill has joined the board of Lazard Brothers.

Mr F. A. Powell, group managing director of Durapipe International, has additionally been elected chairman to succeed Mr J. F. Pearce, who has retired. Mr A. D. Canning-Jones becomes group deputy managing director. Mr M. L. Evans has resigned from the board of Durapipe International and is succeeded as managing director of the subsidiary, Durapipe Ltd, by Mr B. L. A. Walker, who remains group finance director of Durapipe International.

Mr J. S. Mowatt has joined the board of Kunick Holdings.

Brickhouse Dudley

PROFITS PASS £2 MILLION

- A memorable year with sales of £21 million and profits exceeding £2 million.
- 70% rise in value of goods exported to £4.2 million.
- Exports now over 20% of group sales compared with 6% in 1975.
- Maximum permitted dividend. Earnings per share up by 30%.

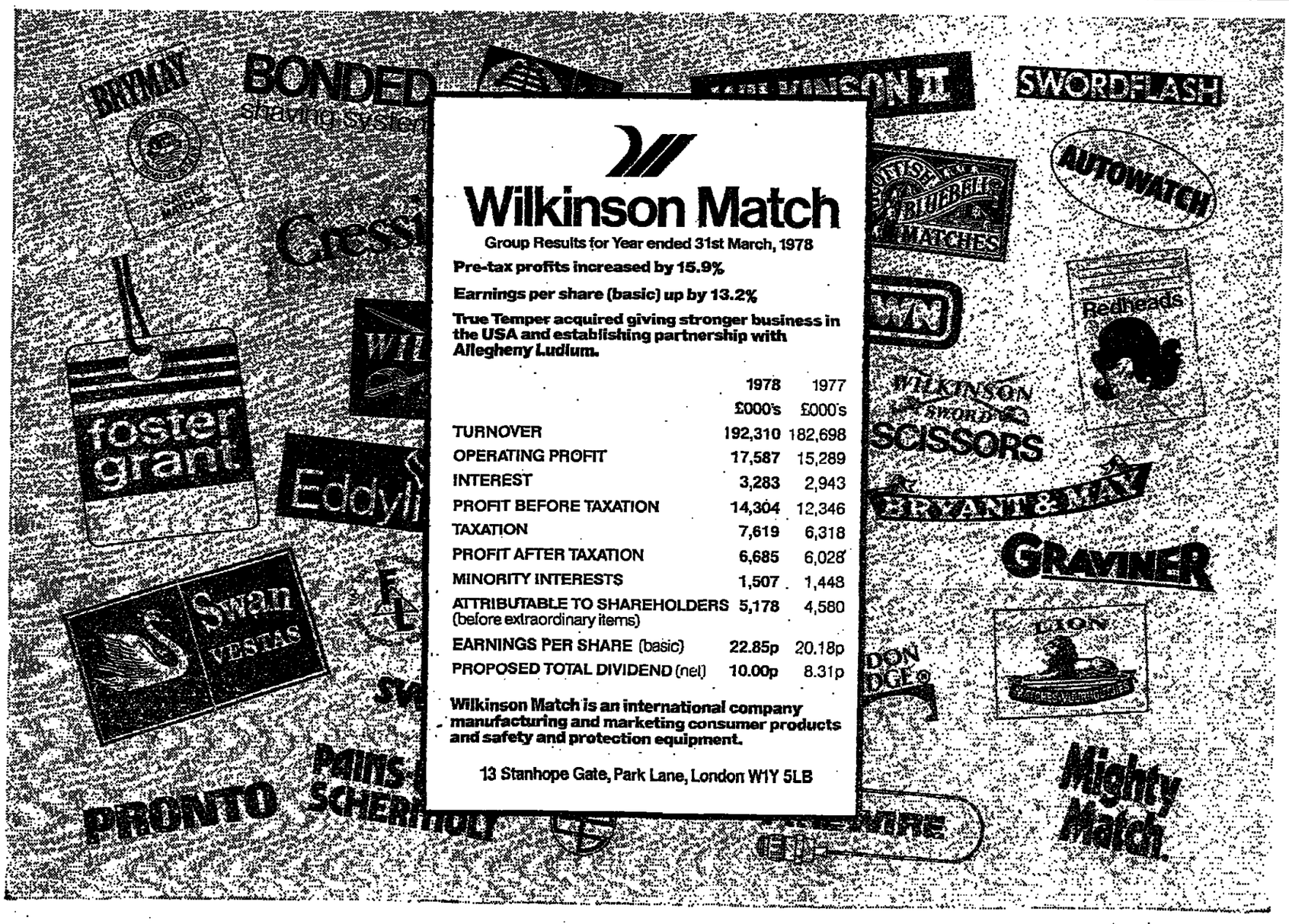
I would be disappointed if first half profits were not ahead of last year's. The current trading period has certainly started on a happier note and I have every confidence the company will continue to make further progress this year.

Michael Huxtable
Chairman and Chief Executive

Year to 31st March	1978	1977	197
	£'000	£'000	£'00
Sales	21,051	18,128	16,98
Profit before tax	2,020	1,587	1,59
Ordinary Dividend (gross)	3.54p	3.22p	2.92
Earnings per share	6.55p	5.04p	5.12

BRICKHOUSE DUDLEY GROUP

Manufacturers and distributors of drainage products for the building and civil engineering industry.



Wilkinson Match

Group Results for Year ended 31st March, 1978

Pre-tax profits increased by 15.9%

Earnings per share (basic) up by 13.2%

True Temper acquired giving stronger business in the USA and establishing partnership with Allegheny Ludlum.

	1978 £000's	1977 £000's
TURNOVER	192,310	182,698
OPERATING PROFIT	17,587	15,289
INTEREST	3,283	2,943
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	14,304	12,346
TAXATION	7,619	6,318
PROFIT AFTER TAXATION	6,685	6,028
MINORITY INTERESTS	1,507	1,448
ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS (before extraordinary items)	5,178	4,580
EARNINGS PER SHARE (basic)	22.85p	20.18p
PROPOSED TOTAL DIVIDEND (net)	10.00p	8.31p

Wilkinson Match is an international company manufacturing and marketing consumer products and safety and protection equipment.

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Carclo

Summary of Results

Year to 31st March	1978	197
Turnover £000	9,007	7,84
Profit before tax £000	977	94
Earnings per 25p Ordinary share		
Actual	13.2p	13.9
Fully taxed	12.3p	11.2
Dividend per Ordinary share of 25p (net)	3.0p	2.7p
Dividend cover (times)	4.4	5.1
Ordinary shareholders' funds per share of 25p	88p	78p

Copies of the Report and Accounts may be obtained from the Secretary, Carclo Engineering Group Limited, Hightown Road, Cleckheaton, West Yorkshire BD19 5JU. Telephone 0274 875700.

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MARKET REPORTS

Wall Street

New York, July 19.—The stock market rallied today with airlines issues among the leaders.

The Dow Jones industrial average advanced 11.70 points to 840.70.

Some 990 issues gained with about 445 lower.

Volume totaled 30,880,000 shares, compared with 22,860,000 shares yesterday.

Buying was inspired in part by a growing hope that interest rates may have reached their peak after a steady climb.

Silver up 3 cents

SILVER: New York, July 19.—Comex silver futures scored new highs for the day shortly before the close on a wave of local and commission house short covering fueled by a rally in agricultural commodities at Chicago. Final gains extended to 3.80 cents net. —July, 526.00c; Aug, 526.90c; Sept, 530.40c; Dec, 542.50c; Jan, 546.50c; March, 554.50c; May, 563.00c; July, 571.60c; Sept, 580.30c; Dec, 593.70c; Jan, 598.10c; March, 607.20c; May, 615.50c. Handy and Harman of Canada 5.881 (unchanged).
GOLD: The tone a the market was steady. NY COMEX: July, $187.00; Aug, $187.40; Sept, $189.00; Oct, $190.20; Dec, $193.20; Feb, $196.20; April, $199.50; June, $202.50; Aug, $205.70; Oct, $208.90; Dec, $212.10; Feb, $215.30; April, $218.50. CHICAGO IMM: Sept, $189.00-188.00; Dec, $193.30-193.20; March, 198.20-198.00; June, $203.10-202.80; Sept, $207.80 bid; Dec $212.50 bid; March, $216.70.
COPPER: Comex copper futures finished near the lows—off 2.55 to 1.20 cents on the day. July 59.70c; Aug 59.90c; Sept 60.50c; Dec 62.25c; Jan 62.85; March 64.10; May 65.10; July 66.10; Sept 67.10; Dec 68.50; Jan 69.00, March 70.00; May 71.00.
SUGAR futures added almost 0.20 cent in a swift comeback from two days of plunges into contract lows. Sept 6.30-31c; Oct 6.42-45c; Jan 6.75-85c; March 7.05-07c; May 7.25c; July 7.38-50c. Sept 7.55c; Oct 7.63-64c.
COCOA futures closed 3.15 to 1.80 cents up in nearbys after paring gains on commission house liquidation, traders said: July, 150.50c; Sept, 146.90c; Dec, 141.65c; March, 138.55c; May, 136.15c; July, 134.25c; Sept, 132.50c; Dec, 130.50c.
COFFEE futures held firm through the close with final gains of 2.69 to 3.91 cents in the nearbys. July, 133.50-400c; Sept, 123.00-25c; Dec, 115.50c; March, 110.50c; May, 107.75-800c; July, 106.50-700c; Sept, 106.00-50c, Dec, 105.65-450c.
COTTON: Oct, 60.65-70c; Dec, 62.58-60c; March, 64.10-20c; May, 65.25c; July, 66.20-25c; Oct, 64.50-65.00c; Dec, 64.95-65.00c.
CHICAGO GRAINS: Maize futures finished at or near the day's highs with advances of 2¼ to two cents a bushel. WHEAT: July, 225c; Sept, 231-31¼c; Dec, 237¼-¼c; March, 246¼c; May, 251¼c; July, 253c. MAIZE: July, 225c; Sept, 231-31¼c; Dec, 237¼-¼c; March, 246¼c; May, 251¼c; July, 253c. OATS: July, 117¼c bid; Sept, 124-24¼c; Dec, 135-34¼c; March, 143c; May, 144¼c bid.
CHICAGO SOYABEANS: Soyabean futures rallied from initial losses to close at or near the day's highs with advances of 2¼ to 7¼ cents a bushel. SOYABEANS: July, 6.34-35c; Aug, 6.32-34c; Sept, 6.12c; Nov, 6.00¼-03c; Jan, 6.07-07¼c; March, 6.14-15c; May, 6.19-18¼c; July, 620c.
SOYABEAN OIL: July, 24.55c; Aug, 23.50-65c; Sept, 23.90-80c; Oct, 23.05-22.00c; Dec, 21.45-40c; Jan, 21.40-50c; March, 21.15-20c; May, 21.30-10c; July, 21.05-10c.
SOYABEAN MEAL: July, $166.30-6.00; Aug, $165.30-5.50; Sept, $164.00-4.50; Oct, $163.30; Dec, $162.50-3.00; Jan, $163.00-3.50; March, $167.00; May, $167.30-8.00; July, $168.50-9.50.

	July 19	July 18
Allied Chem	36¼	36
Allied Stores	22¼	23
Allied Supermkt	2¾	2¾
Allis Chalmers	34⅞	34
Alcoa	42⅞	41½
Amax Inc	37¼	36¾
Amerada Hess	29¾	29⅝
Am Airlines	14¾	14⅛
Am Brands	49¾	49⅞
Am Broadcast	48	48
Am Can	41½	41⅜
Am Cyanamid	30½	29⅞
Am Elec Power	23¾	23½
Am Home	29⅝	29⅝
Am Motors	5¾	5⅝
Am Nat Res	42	42
Am Standard	45⅜	44
Am Telephone	60⅝	60
AMF Inc	18⅝	18⅞
Armco Steel	29⅞	29⅝
Asarco	14¾	14⅜
Ashland Oil	35⅝	34⅝
Atlantic Richfield	48⅝	48⅜
Avco	28⅞	27¾
Avon Products	55⅝	54⅝
Babcock & Wcox	50⅝	50⅝
Bankers Tst NY	35⅜	35⅝
Bank of America	24⅜	24⅜
Bank of NY	33⅞	34½
Beatrice Foods	24⅞	24⅜
Bell & Howell	19⅝	19⅝
Bendix	38⅝	38⅝
Bethlehem Steel	24⅜	23⅝
Boeing	61	58⅜
Boise Cascade	29⅝	29⅝
Borden	29	29⅜
Borg Warner	28⅝	27⅝
Bristol Myers	37⅞	36⅝
BP	16⅜	15⅝
Burlington Ind	18	18⅝
Burlington Nthn	41	40⅝
Burroughs	74½	73⅝
Campbell Soup	34⅞	33⅝
Canadian Pacific	17½	17⅝
Caterpillar	58⅝	57⅝
Celanese	40½	40⅝
Central Soya	15	15⅝
Charter NY	30⅞	30⅝
Chase Manhat	32⅝	32⅝
Chem Bank NY	40⅝	39⅝
Chesapeake Ohio	30⅝	31
Chrysler	11⅜	11
Citicorp	25	24½
Cities Service	47⅞	47⅝
Clark Equip	34	33⅞
Coca Cola	41⅞	41
Colgate	20⅝	20⅝
CBS	53⅞	53⅝
Columbia Gas	27⅝	27⅝
Combustion Eng	40	40⅝
Comwlth Edison	27	26⅝
Cons Edison	23⅝	23⅝
Cons Foods	23⅝	23⅝
Cons Power	23⅝	22⅞
Continental Grp	29⅝	28⅝
Continental Oil	27⅝	28½
Control Data	37	36⅝
Corning Glass	56⅝	55⅝
CPC Intnl	48⅞	49⅝
Crane	27⅝	27⅝
Crocker Int	26⅝	26⅝
Crown Zeller	32½	31⅞
Dart Ind	44⅝	45
Deere	32⅞	32⅝
Del Monte	28⅝e	27⅞
Delta Air	50	48⅝
Detroit Edison	15⅞	15⅝
Disney	40⅝	40⅝
Dow Chemical	24⅝	23⅞
Dresser Ind	44⅝	43⅝
Duke Power	20⅞	20
Du Pont	117⅝	114
Eastern Air	13½	13⅝
Eastman Kodak	58⅝	55⅝
Eaton Corp	38⅝	38
El Paso Nat Gas	16½	16⅝
Equitable Life	19⅝	19
Esmark	29⅝	29⅝
Evans P. D.	17⅝	17½
Exxon Corp	45⅝	44⅝
Fed Dept Stores	35⅝	35½
Firestone	14	13⅝
Fst Chicago	21⅞	21½
Fst Nat Boston	29⅝	29⅝
Fst Penn Corp	15⅝	15⅝
Ford	46⅝	45⅝
GAF Corp	13⅝	13⅝
Gamble Skogmo	29⅝	29⅝
Gen Dynamics	74½	73⅝
Gen Electric	53⅝	52
Gen Foods	32⅝	31⅝
Gen Mills	31⅝	31
Gen Motors	60⅝	60⅝
Gen Pub Util NY	16⅝e	16⅝
Gen Tel Elec	29⅝	29⅝
Gen Tire	27	26½
Genesco	6	5⅝
Georgia Pacific	29⅝	27⅝
Getty Oil	38	37⅝
Gillette	29⅝	29⅝
Goodrich	22½	22½
Goodyear	16⅝	16½
Gould Inc	30⅝	30
Grace	29⅝	29⅝
Gt Atlic & Pacific	7⅝	6⅝
Greyhound	13	12⅞
Grumman Corp	20⅝	19⅝
Gulf Oil	24½	23⅞
Gulf & West	14⅝	13⅞
Heinz H. J.	40⅝	40⅞
Hercules	15⅝	15⅝
Honeywell	62½	59½
IC Inds	25⅝	25
Ingersoll	58½	57½
Inland Steel	37⅝	36⅝
IBM	269⅝	264½
Int Harvester	36⅞	35⅝
INCO	16⅝	16⅝
Int Paper	41⅝	39⅝
Int Tel Tel	31⅝	30⅞
Jewel Co	29½	28⅝
Jim Walter	29	29
Johns-Manville	29⅝	29½
Johnson & John	83	81⅞
Kaiser Alumin	32½	32⅝
Kennecott	22½	22⅝
Kerr McGee	43⅝	43⅝
Kimberly Clark	46	45⅝
Kraftco Corp	46⅝	46⅝
K Mart	25⅝	24⅞
Kroger	34½	34⅝
Ligget Group	33⅝	33⅝
L.T.V. Corp	6⅝	6⅝
Litton	23	22½
Lockheed	23⅞	22⅝
Lucky Stores	16⅝	16⅝
Manuf Hanover	35	35
Mapco	32	31⅝
Marathon Oil	47⅝	46⅞
Marine Midland	15⅝	15⅝
Martin Marietta	29⅞	29⅝
McDonnell	36⅝	35⅝
Mead	22	21½
Memorex	40	39⅝
Merck	60⅝	60
Minnesota Mng	58⅞	58⅝
Mobil Oil	62½	62⅝
Monsanto	49⅝	50
Morgan J. P.	46⅝	45⅝
Motorola	49⅝	47⅞
NCR Corp	56⅝	54⅝
NL Industries	19⅝	18⅝
Nabisco	24⅝	25
Nat Distillers	21⅝	21½
Nat Steel	31	30⅝
Norfolk West	24⅝	24⅝
NW Bancorp	25	24⅝
Norton Simon	17⅝	17⅝
Occidental Pet	21⅝	20⅝
Ogden	27⅝	27
Olin Corp	15½	15½
Owens-Illinois	21½	21⅝
Pacific Gas Elec	23⅞	23⅞
Pan Am	7½	7
Penney J. C.	37⅝	36⅝
Pennzoil	27⅝	26⅝
Pepsico	30⅝	30⅝
Pet Inc	54½	54⅝
Pfizer	33⅝	33⅝
Phelps Dodge	21⅝	21⅝
Philip Morris	69⅝	68⅝
Phillips Petrol	31⅝	31⅝
Polaroid	42	40⅝
PPG Ind	26⅝	26½
Proctor Gamble	89⅝	89⅝
Pub Ser El & Gas	22⅞	22⅝
Pullman	38⅞	36⅝
Rapid American	11⅝	10⅝
Raytheon	51	49⅝
RCA Corp	26⅞	26⅝
Republic Steel	24⅝	23⅝
Reynolds Ind	55⅞	55⅞
Reynolds Metal	29⅞	29⅞
Rockwell Int	32⅞	32⅞
Royal Dutch	60⅞	59⅝
Safeways	42½	41⅝
St Regis Paper	28⅝	27⅝
Santa Fe Ind	34⅝	34⅝
SCM	21⅝	19⅝
Schlumberger	86⅝	83⅞
Scott Paper	16⅝	15⅞
Seaboard Coast	31⅝	31⅞
Seagram	23½	23⅝
Sears Roebuck	23⅝	22⅝
Shell Oil	32⅝	32⅝
Shell Trans	41⅝	42⅝
Signal Co	48⅝	48⅞
Singer	21	20⅝
Sony	8⅝	8⅝
Sth Cal Edison	25⅝	25⅝
Southern Pacific	31⅝	31
Southern Rly	52	52
Sperry Rand	42⅝	41⅝
Std Brands	27⅝	28
Std Oil Califnia	40⅝	39½
Std Oil Indiana	49⅝	48⅝
Std Oil Ohio	31⅝	29⅝
Sterling Drug	16⅝	17⅝
Stevens J. P.	14½	14⅝
Stude Worth	65⅝	64⅝
Sunbeam Corp	19⅞	19⅝
Sun Comp	42⅞	42⅝
Teledyne	106	103⅝
Tenneco	31	30⅞
Texaco	25⅝	25⅞
Texas East Corp	39½	39⅝
Texas Inst	83⅝	82⅝
Texas Utilities	20½	20⅝
Textron	31⅝	30⅞
TWA	22	20⅞
Travelers Corp	35½	35⅞
TRW Inc	39⅝	39
UAL Inc	34⅝	33
Unilever Ltd	40½	40½
Unilever NV	54½	55⅝
Union Bancorp	25	24⅝
Union Carbide	38½	38
Union Oil Calif	47	47½
Un Pacific Corp	44⅞	43⅝
Uniroyal	7½	7⅝
United Brands	10⅝	10
US Industries	8½	8⅝
US Steel	27⅝	26⅝
Utd Technol	45½	45⅝
Wachovia	18⅝	18⅝
Warner Comm	47⅝	46
Warner Lambert	29	28½
Wells Fargo	27⅝	27⅝
West'n Bancorp	38⅝	38⅝
Westinghse Elec	22⅝	21½
Weyerhauser	27⅝	25⅝
Whirlpool	21⅝	21⅝
White Motor	9	9
Woolworth	16⅞	18⅝
Xerox Corp	55⅝	54
Zenith	14⅝	14⅞

Canadian Prices

	July 19	July 18
Abitibi	14⅝	13⅞
Alcan Alumin	32	31⅝
Algoma Steel	22⅝	22½
Bell Telephone	57⅝	57½
Cominco	27⅝	27⅝
Cons Bathurst	28	28
Falconbridge	24⅝	24⅝
Gulf Oil	28⅝	28⅝
Hawker/Sid Can	8.00	8.00
Hudson Bay Min	17⅝	17⅝
Hudson Bay Oil	45⅝	45⅝
Imasco	33	33
Imperial Oil	19	19
Int Pipe	15⅞	15⅝
Mass.-Fergsn	12⅝	12
Royal Trust	18½	18½
Seagram	26½	26⅝
Steel Co	25	23⅝
Talcorp	7½	7½
Thomson N 'A'	14⅝	14⅝
Walker Hiram	34⅝	34
WCT	11⅝	11½

e Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, 1.8975 (1.8897); three months, 1.8844 (1.8777); Canadian dollar, 88.98 (88.97).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index was up 3.71 at 353.98. The futures index was up 2.15 at 337.88.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 840.70 (829.00); transportation, 229.69 (226.82); utilities, 105.28 (105.18); 65 stocks, 290.34 (287.07).

New York Stock Exchange index, 55.10 (54.45); industrials, 59.93 (59.14); transportation, 45.40 (44.42); utilities, 39.44 (39.24); financial, 58.61 (58.05).

Commodities

COPPER was easier.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £692.50-93.50 a metric ton; three months, £714-14.56. Sales, 10,425 tons (mainly carries). Cash cathodes, £688-90; three months, £709-711. Sales, 100 tons (all carries). Morning.—Cash wire bars, £696.50-97; three months, £718-18.50. Settlement, £697. Sales, 18,525 tons (mainly carries). Cash cathodes, £692.50-93.50; three months, £713.50-14.50. Settlement, £693.50. Sales, nil.
SILVER was quiet.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot 277p per troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 524c); three months, 285.85p (553.4c); six months, 291.9p (545.2c); one year, 309.0p (570.1c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash 277.6-77.8; three months, 284.2-84.3p. Sales, 14 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 278.1-78.3p; three months, 284.8-85.0. Settlement, 278.3p. Sales, 124 lots (mainly carries).
TIN was fairly steady.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £6,490-6,500 a metric ton; three months, £6,435-6,440. Sales, 480 tons (mainly carries). High grade, cash, £6,490-6,500; three months, £6,445-6,460. Sales, nil. Morning.—Standard cash, £6,585-10; three months, £6,450-60. Settlement, £6,510. Sales, 590 tons (mainly carries). High grade, cash, £6,505-10; three months, £6,460-80. Settlement, £6,510. Sales, nil. Singapore tin ex-works, $M1,716 a picul.
LEAD was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £300-01.00 per metric ton; three months, £308.50-09.00. Sales, 825 tons. Morning.—Cash, £300-300.50; three months, £308-08.50. Settlement, £300.50. Sales, 4,175 tons.
ZINC was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash £302.50-03 a metric ton; three months, £313-13.50. Sales, 800 tons. Morning.—Cash, £301-01.50; three months, £311-11.50. Settlement, £301.50. Sales: 425 tons. All afternoon prices are unofficial.
PLATINUM was at £128.25 ($242.50) a troy ounce.
RUBBER futures were quiet, but easier (pence per kilo).—Aug 54.00-54.10; Sept 54.20-54.65; Oct/Dec 55.50-56.40; Jan/March 58.30-58.35; April/June 60.30-60.40; July/Sept 62.20-62.30; Oct/Dec 64.10-64.20; Jan/March 65.95-66.00; April/June 67.75-67.85. Sales 6 at 5 tonnes and 148 at 15 tonnes.
RUBBER PHYSICALS were steadier.—Spot 53.50-54.75. Cifs Aug 55.50-55.75; Sept 56.00-56.25.
COFFEE was slightly steadier.—**ROBUSTAS** (£ per metric ton): July, 1,295-1,300; Sept, 1,235-37; Nov, 1,188-90; Jan, 1,150-55; March, 1,110-15; May, 1,000-90; July, 1,050-60: Sales: 2,047 lots including 44 options. **ARABICAS** were dull ($ per 50 kilos).—Aug, 147.00-54.00; Oct, 135.00-39.00; Dec, 127.00-33.00; Feb, 122.00-30.00; April, 118.00-28.00; June, 118.00-25.00; Aug, 115.00-25.00. Sales: nil.
COCOA (£ per metric ton).—July, 1,776.0-78.0; Sept, 1,788-90.0; Dec, 1,758.0-60.0; March, 1,736.0-37.0; May, 1,708.0-30.0; July, 1,680.0-1,710.0; Sept, 1,683.0-95.0. Sales: 4,545 lots including one option. ICCO prices: daily, 141.90c; 15-day average, 141.21c; 22-day average, 140.79 (US cents per lb).
SUGAR: The London daily price of "raws" was £1 higher at £81.50; the "whites" price was unchanged at £95.50. Futures were (£ per metric ton).—Aug, 84.35-84.50. Oct, 86.15-86.20; Dec, 88.35-88.40; March, 94.15-94.25; May, 96.75-96.80; Aug, 100.60-100.65; Oct, 103.95-104.00. Sales: 1,687 lots. ISA prices: 6.15c; 15-day average, 6.64.
SOYABEAN MEAL was quiet (£1 per metric ton).—Aug, 110.50-11.10; Oct, 114.00-14.20; Dec, 115.10-15.30; Feb, 114.50-14.50; April, 115.50-16.50; June, 117.50-18.00; Aug, 118.00-20.00.
WOOL.—Greasy futures were steady (pence per kilo).—Australian: July, 250.0-35.0; Oct, 239.0-41.0; Dec, 243.5-46.0; March, 246.0-48.0; May, 248.0-50.0; July, 249.0-51.0; Oct, 248.0-53.0; Dec, 248.0-55.0. Sales, 5 lots. New Zealand Crossbreds were steady: Dec, 183.0-85.50; March, 184.6-84.7; May, 186.0-86.5; July, 187.6-88.5; Oct, 190.5-91.0; Dec, 190.5-91.0. Sales, 13 lots.
JUTE was quiet.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, Sept-Oct, $465 per long ton. "D" grade, Sept-Oct, $417. Calcutta was steady.—Indian, spot, Rs650.00 per bale of 400 lb. Dundee Tossa Four, spot, Rs650.00.
GRAIN (The Baltic).—**WHEAT.**—Canadian western red spring number one 13½ per cent, July and Aug, £91.00, Tilbury. US dark northern spring number two 14 per cent, Aug, £78.75; Sept, £79.50; Oct, £81.25, trans-shipment east coast.
MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American/French, July, £102.00; Aug, £98.50; Sept, £100.00, transhipment east coast. South African white, Aug, £69.00, Liverpool/Glasgow; South African yellow, Aug, £69.00 Liverpool/Glasgow.
BARLEY was unquoted. All per tonne cif UK unless stated.
London Grain Futures Market (Gafta). EEC origin.—**BARLEY** was steady.—Sept, £78.90; Nov, £81.70; Jan, £84.55; March, £87.10; May, £89.90. Sales, 106 lots.
WHEAT was steady.—Sept, £83.00; Nov, £86.35; Jan, £89.25; March, £91.90; May, £94.55. Sales: 89 lots.
Home-Grown Cereal Authority location ex-farm spot prices. Insufficient business to warrant a report.
Meat Commission: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on July 19.—**GB** Cattle 71.51p per kg lw (—0.02). **UK** Sheep 141.8p per kg est dcw (—2.1). **GB** pigs 62.5p per kg lw (—0.8).
England and Wales: Cattle numbers down 26.5 per cent, average price 71.46p (+0.09). Sheep numbers down 3.2 per cent, average price 142.6p (—2.1). Pig numbers down 5.7 per cent, average price 62.5p (—0.8). **Scotland:** Cattle numbers down 4.8 per cent, average price 71.61p (—0.39). Sheep numbers up 47.6 per cent, average price 131.5p (—1.1). Pig numbers up 29.2 per cent, average price 60.6p (—0.9).

Recent Issues

	Closing Price
Barnet 12¼% 1987 (£98d)	£30¾
Bramall C.D.25p Ord (75)	87½
Carliers Superfoods 20p Ord (55)	71-2
E. Anglia Wtr 7% Pf 1983 (£97½a)	£11
Edinburgh Var 1983 (£100)	£99½
Eurotherm Int 10p Ord (100)	162-2
Exchequer 10% 1983 (£95)	£44¾
Exchequer 12% 2013-17 (£94)	£95¾
Fairview 13.55 Deb (£100e)	£23¾
Greenwich 11¾% 1986 (£99d)	£48½
Hunting Petroleum Serv 25p Ord (85)	95-1
Robinson Bros 11% Pf (109)	103
Sth Tyneside 12¼% 1986 (£99a)	£19¼
Thames Plywood 25p Ord (34)	35
Tyne and Wear 12% Rd Db 1986 (£98d)	£19
W Kent Wtr 12% Db 1986 (£99a)	£24½

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
ANZ Grp ($A2.75)	Aug 30	30 prem
Dartmouth Inv (15)	Aug 18	3½ prem
Elswick Hopper (14)	Aug 16	3 prem
Readiam Sims (36)	Sep 1	15 prem
L.C.P. Bldgs (72)	..	15 prem
Norton W.E. (35)	Sep 1	13½ prem
Sutcliffe Speak (30)	Sep 8	28 prem

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £10 paid. b £50 paid. c £15 paid. d £50 paid. e £25 paid. f Fully paid. g $A1 paid. h £55 paid. i £45 paid. j £65 paid.

Foreign Exchange

Sterling extended Tuesday's advance at the expense of the dollar closing with a gain of 1.15 cents at $1.8950 compared with $1.8835 overnight. The pound's trade weighted index also appreciated at 62.2 against 62.0 at Tuesday's final calculation.

Stimulated to some extent by the Government's determination to implement a tough stage four wage policy and also to the renewed weakness of the United States currency, a good demand for pounds was sustained during the session.

Dealers reported that the Bank of England took in dollars at various periods. Central Bank activity was also evident on the Continent as the dollar came under early pressure.

Disappointment with the lack of anything conclusive to help the United States currency from the Bonn meetin gcontinue to undermine confidence.

Gold closed at $185.875 an ounce in London, up $1.00 from Tuesday.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) July 19	Market rates (close) July 19
New York	$1.8860-8960	$1.8945-8955
Montreal	$2.1190-1295	$2.1285-1295
Amsterdam	4.19½-22½fl	4.21-22fl
Brussels	61.20-80f	61.40-50f
Copenhagen	10.60-63¼k	10.61-62k
Frankfurt	3.88½-91¼m	3.90-91m
Lisbon	86.00-70e	86.30-70e
Madrid	146.30-90p	146.80-90p
Milan	1597½-605lr	1603½-04½lr
Oslo	10.21-26k	10.24½-25½k
Paris	8.41½-45¼f	8.44-45f
Stockholm	8.59-62½k	8.61-62k
Tokyo	378-88y	382-84y
Vienna	28.00-25sch	28.10-20sch
Zurich	3.42-45f	3.43-44f

Effective exchange rate compared to December 21, 1971, was 62.2, up 0.2 per cent.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.62-.52c prem	1.40-1.30c prem
Montreal	.70-.60c prem	1.60-1.50c prem
Amsterdam	2½-1½c prem	6½-5½c prem
Brussels	35-25c prem	85-75c prem
Copenhagen	1ore prem-2ore disc	4½-6ore disc
Frankfurt	3-2pf prem	7½-6½pf prem
Lisbon	35-135c disc	105-405c disc
Madrid	par-100c disc	50-150c disc
Milan	par-2lr disc	2-5lr disc
Oslo	1ore prem-1ore disc	1¼ore prem-1ore disc
Paris	1½-½c prem	3½-2½c prem
Stockholm	2½-½ore prem	5½-3½ore prem
Vienna	17-7gro prem	42-32gro prem
Zurich	3-2c prem	8½-7½c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $0.8894-02.

Euro-$ Deposits

Calls, 7¾-8, seven days, 7¾-8¼, one month, 7¾-7⅞, three months, 8¼-8⅜, six months, 8⅝-9¼.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $185.75 (an ounce); pm, $185.70.
Krugerrand (per coin): non-resident, $191-193 (£101-102); resident, $194-196 (£102½-103½).
Sovereigns (new): non-resident, $53½-55½ (£28¼-29¼); resident, $56¼-58¼ (£29¾-30¾).

Eurosyndicat

The Eurosyndicat Index on European share prices was put provisionally at 132.05 on July 18 against 131.24 a week earlier.

Discount market

Most of the discount houses enjoyed a very comfortable passage yesterday. The authorities' action on Tuesday in lending for two and three days meant that the market was relieved yesterday of the burden of repayments.

In fact, with sizable balances brought over from Tuesday by the banks, it looked for a time as though there might be a substantial surplus in the market, calling for mopping up operations on the part of the authorities.

In the event, however, funds that were really available over much of the session encountered a kink or two in the system during the later part of the day.

The Bank of England then found it necessary to create a little liquidity rather than mop it up, so one or two houses participated in a small overnight loan at MLR 10 per cent.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 10%
(Last changed 8/6/78)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 10%
Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: High 7 Low 7
Week Fixed: 9½

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	9⅜	2 months	9¼
3 months	9⅝	3 months	9⅝

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

2 months	10-9⅞	3 months	10¼
3 months	9⅞-9⅞	4 months	10½
4 months	9⅞-9⅞	6 months	10⅝
6 months	9⅞-9⅞		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	10¼-10	7 months	9⅞-9⅞
2 months	9⅞-9½	8 months	9⅞-9⅞
3 months	9⅞-9⅞	9 months	10⅛-10
4 months	9⅞-9⅞	10 months	10⅛-10
5 months	9⅞-9⅞	11 months	10⅛-10
6 months	9⅞-9⅞	12 months	10⅛-10

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)

1 month	10⅛-10⅛	6 months	10⅝-10¼
3 months	10⅜-10⅛	12 months	10⅝-10⅝

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	10½-10⅛	3 months	9⅞
7 days	10⅛-10⅛	6 months	10⅛
1 month	10⅛	1 year	10⅛

Interbank Market (%)
Overnight: Open 12½-11⅛ Close 20

1 week	11-10⅛	6 months	10⅝-10⅛
1 month	10⅞-10⅛	9 months	10⅝-10⅝
3 months	10⅞-10⅝	12 months	10⅝-10⅝

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)
3 months 10¼ 6 months 10⅝

Finance House Base Rate 10%

INVERGORDON DISTILLERS

Turnover for three months to June 30, £4.2m (£6.9m). Pre-tax profits, £757,000 (£1.23m). Accounting year will be changed to December 31. An interim dividend of 1.04p gross has been declared.

MERGER CLEARED

Mr Roy Hottersley, Secretary for Prices and Consumer Protection, has decide dnot to refer the proposed merger between Cement-Roadstone Holdings and J. and W. Henderson (Holdings) to the Monopolies Commission.

BURROUGHS MACHINES

Turnover half-year to May, 1978, £47.58m (£40.49m). Pre-tax profits, £2.2m (£3.6m).

J. H. Nightingale & Co. Limited
27/28 Threadneedle Street, London EC2R 8HP. Tel: 01-638 8651
The Over-the-Counter Market

1977/78 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div(p)	Yld %	P/E
29	Airsprung Ord	65	+2	5.4	8.4	8.6
96	Airsprung 18½% CULS	201	—	18.5	9.2	—
25	Armitage & Rhodes	42	—	3.3	7.8	17.9
95	Bardon Hill	165	+1	12.0	7.3	9.0
51	Deborah Ord	116	+1	5.1	4.4	9.4
98	Deborah 17½% CULS	230	—	17.5	7.6	—
20	Frederick Parker	127xd	—3	12.4	9.8	5.0
35	George Blair	146	—1	15.0	10.3	5.8
36	Jackson Group	52	—	5.0	9.6	6.1
55	James Burrough	106	—	6.5	6.1	9.8
	Robert Jenkins	315	—	29.7	9.4	5.2
	Twinlock Ord	19½	—½	—	—	17.4
	Twinlock 12% ULS	78	—2	12.0	15.4	—
54	Unilock Holdings	80	—1	7.4	8.8	8.6
67	Walter Alexander	105	—	6.4	6.1	7.7

The Union Discount Company of London Limited

At a Meeting of the Board of this Company held today, the Directors declared an interim dividend of 6.375p per £1 Stock on account of the year ending 31st December 1978 (1977—8.5p, this being the equivalent of 6.375p on the increased capital). This interim dividend will be paid on 4th September 1978 to Stockholders whose names are on the Register at the close of business on 8th August 1978.

The Company experienced difficult trading conditions in the half year to 30th June 1978. Interest rates were relatively stable in the first quarter but Minimum Lending Rate increased by 3½% in the second quarter—and as a consequence the provisions for depreciation in the value of the portfolio exceeded trading profits. The six month result compares unfavourably with the same period last year.

The Union Discount Company of London Ltd.
London: 78/80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NH. Tel: 01-626 7941
Edinburgh: 24a Melville Street, Edinburgh EH3 7NS. Tel: 031-226 3535

Base Lending Rates

...Bank	10%
...'s Bank	10%
...Bank	10%
Consolidated Crdts.	10%
...e & Co.	*10%
...Bank	10%
...Mercantile	10%
...d Bank	10%
Westminster	10%
...nster Ltd	10%
...s and Glyn's	10%

* 7-day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under 6½%, up to £25,000, 7½%, over £25,000 7¾%.

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Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

1977/78 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Authorized Unit Trusts			
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers. 72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
34.1	24.2	Abbey Capital	32.5	34.6	4.35
48.3	35.7	Abbey General	44.5	47.3e	4.32
40.3	29.8	Do Income	39.1	41.6	6.38
37.4	27.8	Do Invest	37.1	39.7	4.27
		Alben Trust Managers Ltd. Durrant Hse, Chiswell St, E.C.1. 01-588 6371			
76.3	57.4	Albon Trust (3)	71.3	78.7e	4.14
68.2	47.9	Do Inc (3)	64.3	69.1e	7.31
		Allied Hambro Group. Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex. 01-588 2851			
73.7	53.6	Allied Capital	71.2	76.3	4.45
67.6	50.6	Do 1st	65.4	70.0	5.43
67.2	48.3	Brit Inds	62.3	66.7	5.06
36.8	27.6	Growth & Inc	36.8	39.4e	5.33
33.6	24.0	Elec & Ind Dev	33.2	35.5	4.99
41.1	32.4	Met Min & Cmdty	41.0	43.9	5.21
68.2	45.4	High Income	65.3	69.9	9.65
39.4	29.2	Equity Income	37.8	40.4e	7.18
28.8	22.4	International	26.5	28.4	2.39
70.8	44.0	HighYieldFnd	70.3	75.3	8.12
108.0	79.3	Hambro Fnd	103.5	110.7e	5.53
95.5	52.4	Do Recovery	85.1	91.1	5.92
36.4	27.7	Do Smaller	34.9	38.7e	4.76
123.1	86.7	Do Accum	118.4	126.7	4.54
46.6	24.3	2nd Smaller	44.5	47.6	5.00
54.3	45.3	Secs of America	53.8	57.6e	1.80
46.7	31.0	Pacific Fnd	45.6	48.8	2.05
58.8	45.9	Overseas Fnd	57.0	61.0e	1.75
222.3	128.3	Exempt Smaller	222.3	234.0	5.13
		Arbuthnot Securities Ltd. 37 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BY. 01-236 5281			
115.9	107.3	Extra Income	104.7	112.6	11.28
42.2	31.5	High Income	41.1	44.2	9.32
55.6	39.6	Do Accum	55.3	59.5	9.32
63.8	53.8	8¼% W'draw	55.0	59.2	9.38
26.3	23.9	Pref Fund	23.9	25.7e	12.81
38.5	32.1	Do Accum (1)	37.2	40.0e	12.81
20.8	15.5	Capital Fund	19.8	21.3	..
61.2	45.1	Commodity (5)	59.4	64.3	5.31
88.1	61.0	Do Accum (5)	85.4	92.4	5.31
53.6	41.9	10% W'draw (5)	51.8	56.2	5.31
38.0	32.7	Arb Fin & Prop	17.3	18.7	3.04
42.6	37.0	Giants Fund	38.2	41.1e	2.87
48.4	34.9	Do Accum	44.5	48.2e	2.87
35.2	25.1	Growth Fund	34.4	37.0e	3.72
41.3	28.6	Do Accum	41.2	44.4e	2.72
21.8	18.3	E & Int Fund	26.4	28.4	1.39
21.2	19.7	6% W'draw (2)	20.6	22.2	..
32.9	23.6	N Amer Int (4)	31.8	34.2	1.00
		Barclays Unicorn Ltd. 252 Romford Road, London, E7. 01-534 5544			
34.8	28.7	UnicornAmer	33.8	36.3	1.22
60.5	44.2	Aust Income	60.1	65.0e	1.78
75.9	55.4	Do Accum	73.3	82.5	1.78
67.9	55.3	Unicorn Capital	66.6	71.4	4.45
111.3	72.7	Exempt	107.8	112.3e	6.49
28.4	19.8	Extra Income	27.7	29.9	8.31
61.8	48.4	Financial	60.2	65.1e	5.17
74.1	50.3	Unicorn '500'	73.6	79.6	6.00
31.6	23.0	General	31.3	33.8	6.24
42.0	29.2	Growth Accum	40.3	43.6	4.27
85.7	60.3	Income	84.9	91.8	6.20
42.8	27.5	Recovery	42.6	46.0	5.68
118.7	85.6	Trustee	111.3	120.3e	5.21
51.9	45.9	Worldwide	49.1	53.1e	2.22
64.8	46.8	B'tst Inv Fnd	62.4	68.0	5.12
73.6	50.8	Do Accum	71.4	74.4	5.12
		Bridge Fund Managers Ltd. 5-8 Mincing Lane, EC3. 01-623 4951			
50.6	34.6	Bridge Income	48.8	49.2	3.13
40.7	29.4	Do Cap Inc (2)	40.7	43.3	3.13
40.3	27.0	Do Cap Acc (2)	39.3	41.9	3.24
26.6	28.0	Do American	26.6	28.0	5.48
17.8	13.1	Do Int Inc (3)	16.9	18.0	3.37
18.7	14.3	Do Int Acc	18.6	19.8	3.37
		Britannia Trust Management Ltd. 3 Ldn Wall Bldgs, EC2M 5QL. 01-638 0478-9			
73.3	53.6	Assets	70.9	76.3	5.23
70.4	49.8	Financial Secs	63.5	68.3e	4.87
53.7	41.2	Capital Accum	53.1	56.1	3.99
60.2	43.8	Comm & Ind	54.7	58.9e	4.79
80.5	60.9	Commodity	80.1	86.2e	4.87
41.8	28.8	Domestic	37.5	40.4e	4.90
115.9	66.5	Exempt	115.7	121.8e	7.51
39.7	28.8	Extra Income	39.1	42.1	9.32
23.2	17.4	Far East Fnd	22.6	24.2	2.98
33.8	28.1	Universal Engy	32.4	34.9e	2.53
64.7	53.4	Int Growth	64.6	69.5	2.26
102.6	72.2	Gold & General	91.3	98.2e	2.92
85.1	62.5	Growth	79.0	85.0e	4.07
74.1	54.1	Income & Grwth	72.5	78.0	7.40
49.4	34.1	Inv Tst Shares	47.1	50.7e	3.49
40.9	27.0	Minerals Tst	38.0	40.9	3.18
82.2	59.3	Nat High Inc	81.1	87.3	8.32
38.6	24.9	New Issue	34.9	37.6	4.66
32.8	27.6	North American	29.2	31.4e	1.87
523.7	322.7	Professional	503.6	518.6e	4.76
15.0	8.9	Property Shares	13.3	14.3	2.97
50.8	38.3	Shield	45.6	49.1	4.36
31.4	17.8	Status Change	30.7	33.1	5.04
		The British Life. Reliance Hse, Mt Ephraim, Tun Wells. 0892 22271			
53.2	40.9	British Life	49.9	52.8	5.82
47.8	34.3	Balanced (2)	47.3	50.6	5.61
44.8	32.2	Dividend (2)	42.4	45.4	9.20

e Ex dividend. * Not available to the general public. † Guernsey gross yield. ‡ Previous days price. a Ex all. c Dealings suspended. e Subdivided. f Cash value for £100 premium. g Ex bonus. h Estimated yield. k Yield before Jersey tax. p Periodic premium. s Single premium. Dealing or valuation days—(1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (8) July 26. (9) July 28. (10) July 31. (14) Aug 1. (15) July 28. (16) Aug 1. (18) Aug 1. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Thursday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of Feb, May, Aug, Nov. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of each month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly.

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BRITISH FUNDS

1977/78 High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
100¼	90	Exch	5% 1976-78	99	+⅛	5.040	9.159
107	99	Treas	11½% 1979	101	..	11.358	9.341
97	84	Treas	3% 1979	95	..	3.137	6.979
98	85	Elec	4¼% 1974-79	95	..	4.433	7.946
109	97	Treas	10½% 1979	100	+⅛	10.467	10.170
97	84	Elec	3½% 1976-79	95	..	3.681	8.802
100	87	Treas Cnv	9% 1980	97	+⅛	9.219	10.623
106	88	Treas	9½% 1980	98	+⅛	9.688	10.666
96	83	Treas	3½% 1977-80	93	..	3.723	6.993
95	83	Fund	5½% 1978-80	94	..	5.570	8.587
112	96	Exch	13% 1980	103	+⅛	12.522	11.067
109	92	Treas	11½% 1981	100	+⅛	11.407	11.094
94	77	Treas	3½% 1979-81	90	..	3.889	7.960
104	86	Treas	9¾% 1981	96	+⅛	10.096	11.250
97	91	Exch	8¼% 1981	93	+⅛	8.341	11.004
110	94	Exch	9½% 1981	95	+⅛	9.940	11.269
92	83	Exch	3% 1981	86	..	3.479	8.131
113	96	Exch	12½% 1981	103	+⅛	12.308	11.384
100	93	Treas	8½% 1980-82	93	+⅛	9.122	10.880
91	79	Treas	3% 1982	84	..	3.561	8.170
117	101	Treas	14% 1982	107	+⅛	13.088	11.539
98	89	Treas	8¼% 1982	90	+⅛	9.104	11.349
103	91	Exch	9¾% 1982	92	+⅛	10.020	11.606
98	92	Exch	9½% 1983	98	+⅛	9.655	11.492
87	79	Exch	3% 1983	80	..	3.738	8.236
114	95	Treas	12% 1983	101	+⅛	11.902	11.510
101	88	Treas	9% 1983	91	+⅛	10.109	11.536
95	72	Fund	5½% 1982-84	82	+⅛	6.674	9.704
90	77	Treas	8¼% 1984-86	89	+⅛	9.660	10.792
87	67	Fund	6½% 1985-87	79	+⅛	8.300	10.311
82	69	Treas	7¾% 1985-88	81	+⅛	9.541	10.973
75	49	Trans	3% 1978-88	63	+⅛	4.746	8.571
75	54	Treas	5% 1986-89	67	+⅛	7.585	10.151
120	90	Treas	13% 1990	104	+⅛	12.452	12.264
89	67	Treas	8¼% 1987-90	80	+⅛	10.370	11.433
111	90	Treas	11¾% 1991	96	+⅛	12.237	12.376
75	54	Fund	5¾% 1987-91	65	+⅛	8.835	10.889
117	90	Treas	12¾% 1992	101	+⅛	12.541	12.484
99	84	Treas	10% 1992	85	+⅛	11.864	12.172
113	90	Exch	12¼% 1992	97	+⅛	12.431	12.479
115	84	Treas	12½% 1993	100	+⅛	12.534	12.541
72	51	Fund	6% 1993	63	+⅛	9.713	11.331
126	96	Treas	13¾% 1993	108	+⅛	12.876	12.719
127	99	Treas	14½% 1994	117	+⅛	12.892	12.761
119	94	Exch	12½% 1994	99	+⅛	12.562	12.602
95	68	Treas	9% 1994	80	+⅛	11.439	11.981
110	93	Treas	12% 1995	96	+⅛	12.467	12.526
51	32	Gas	3% 1990-95	45	+⅛	6.730	9.791
95	75	Exch	10¼% 1995	85	+⅛	12.005	12.324
112	87	Treas	12¾% 1995	103	+⅛	12.650	12.623
91	67	Treas	9% 1992-96	80	+⅛	11.618	12.117
131	101	Treas	15¼% 1996	119	+⅛	13.138	12.914
122	89	Exch	13¼% 1996	106	+⅛	12.747	12.680
50	32	Redmptn	3% 1986-96	44	+⅛	6.902	9.633
121	87	Treas	13¼% 1997	103	+⅛	12.751	12.669
97	74	Exch	10½% 1997	85	+⅛	12.154	12.386
79	65	Treas	8¾% 1997	76	+⅛	11.651	12.115
77	51	Treas	6¾% 1995-98	62	+⅛	10.998	11.846
139	103	Treas	15½% 1998	123	+⅛	13.113	12.928
97	93	Exch	12% 1998	97	+⅛	12.384	12.634
94	69	Treas	9½% 1999	78	+⅛	11.914	12.210
97	82	Treas	10½% 1999	87	+⅛	12.290	12.469
47	27	Fund	3½% 1999-04	38	+⅛	9.639	10.927
81	57	Treas	8% 2002-06	69	+⅛	11.913	12.128
56	40	Treas	5½% 2008-12	49	+⅛	11.642	11.894
80	53	Treas	7¾% 2012-15	64	+⅛	11.995	12.052
38	25	Consols	4%	31	..	12.502	..
34	25	War Ln	3½%	31	..	11.469	..
38	26	Conv	3½%	34	..	10.352	..
24	20	Treas	3%	24	..	12.569	..
24	17	Consols	2½%	20	..	12.112	..
24	17	Treas	2½% Aft 75	20	..	12.506	..

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int. Yield	Red. Yield
96	78	Aust	5½% 77-80	93	..	6.464	9.317
84	69	Aust	5½% 81-82	83	..	6.688	11.384
76	63	Aust	6% 81-83	79	..	7.647	11.401
97	77	Aust	7% 79-81	90	+¼	7.950	11.667
91	91	Chilean Mixed		90	..	..	..
77	61	E Afrika	5¾% 77-83	75	+¼	7.907	13.632
400	197	German	4½% 1930	300	..	..	..
52	32	Hungary	4½% 1924	50	..	..	..
90	69	Ireland	7½% 81-83	83	..	..	..
100	84	Jamaica	7½% 77-79	97	+¼	7.955	10.651
300	225	Japan Ass	4% 1910	290	..	..	..
77	63	Japan	6% 83-88	69	..	..	..
79	65	Kenya	5% 78-82	76	..	6.527	13.070
85	65	Malaya	7½% 78-82	84	..	8.854	12.429
86	81	N Z	6% 76-80	94	..	6.491	11.229
70	53	N Z	7½% 88-92	66	..	10.919	12.365
89	66	N Z	7½% 83-86	82	..	9.169	11.011
91	74	N Rhd	6% 78-81	88	..	6.874	11.761
91	74	Nyasa	6% 78-81	88	..	6.524	11.746
155	142	Peru	6% Ass	142	..	..	..
95	82	S Africa	9½% 79-81	94	..	..	..
70	50	S Rhd	2½% 65-70	54	..	..	..
65	50	S Rhd	4% 87-92	45	..	..	..
67	44	S Rhd	6% 78-81	62	..	..	..
55	45	Spanish	4%	50	..	..	..
91	67	Tang	5½% 78-82	80	..	7.393	13.461
98	60	Uruguay	3½%	96	..	..	..

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int. Yield	Red. Yield
27	20	L C C	3% 1920	23	..	13.329	..
84	64	L C C	5% 80-83	79	..	6.309	10.704
91	72	L C C	5½% 77-81	84	..	6.510	11.464
85	62	L C C	5½% 82-84	79	+¼	6.985	10.345
74	53	L C C	5½% 85-87	66	+¼	8.123	11.360
97	81	L C C	6% 76-79	95	..	6.266	10.157
76	52	L C C	6¾% 88-90	66	+¼	10.011	11.992
75	53	G L C	6½% 90-92	63	..	10.598	12.301
100	82	G L C	9½% 80-82	93	..	10.270	11.723
107	97	G L C	12½% 1982	104	..	12.272	11.592
111	93	G L C	12½% 1983	101	+⅛	12.291	12.020
84	70	Cof L	6¾% 80-82	83	..	7.761	11.796
97	82	Ag Mt	7½% 81-84	86	+¼	9.566	12.218
77	52	Ag Mt	7½% 91-93	68	+¼	11.952	13.038
79	52	Ag Mt	7½% 85-90	68	+¼	10.445	12.559
91	79	Belfast	6¾% 77-80	90	..	7.263	11.956
94	84	Brighton	6¾% 76-79	97	..	6.975	10.062
96	85	Camden	6½% 77-79	97	..	6.641	9.903
91	72	Croydon	6¾% 78-81	89	..	7.892	12.142
98	82	Edin	6¾% 77-79	94	..	6.602	9.277
100	90	Glasgow	9¾% 80-82	91	..	10.135	11.902
100	89	Gwich	6¾% 76-78	99	..	6.784	9.290
110	98	Liverpl	13½% 1981	103	..	13.096	11.977
34	25	Met Water B	34-03	28	..	10.867	12.368
91	76	N I	6½% 79-80	91	..	7.083	12.308
94	80	N I	7% 82-84	77	..	9.236	13.095
90	80	N I Elec	6¾% 81-83	91	..	9.023	11.960
98	84	Sthend	6¾% 77-79	97	..	5.386	10.123
81	69	Swark	6¾% 83-86	77	+⅛	8.827	11.162
94	77	Surrey	6% 78-80	91	..	6.538	11.350

Investment Dollar Premium / Foreign and Dollar stocks

Investment Dollar Premium 107¼% (108¾%)
Premium Conversion Factor 0.6644.

FOREIGN STOCKS

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
57	40	Bayer	£50	..	158	3.1	21.6
19	11	Commerzbank	£17	+¼	45.0	2.5	19.3
32	17	Cp Fn Paris	£31	..	156	5.0	10.3
62	43	EBES	£53	..	391	5.6	..
24	14	Ericsson	£24	+¼	39.1	2.4	31.2
23	6	Finsider	9	..	..	..	..
14	4	Granges	£9	+¼	..	..	..
560	365	Hoechst	487	+2	15.8	3.2	15.7
34	8	Montecatini E	13	..	..	..	..
650	470	Robeco fl 5	620	−5	29.9	4.8	35.4
487	325	Rolinco Subs fl 5	477	−5	..	..	81.5
100	30	Snia Viscosa	65	..	..	..	..
10	7	Thyssen-Huette	£8	..	29.1	3.3	14.7
89	42	Volkswagen	£88	+2	..	..	..

DOLLAR STOCKS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
12	8	Brascan	£11	+¼	60.5	5.3	3.8
12	6	BP Canada	£11	+¼	..	..	..
15	9	Can Pac Ord	£13	+¼	47.9	3.5	8.0
16	9	El Paso	£12	..	41.7	3.3	23.9
45	27	Exxon Corp	£35	−¼	..	..	..
35	20	Fluor	£28	−¼	63.7	2.3	12.1
29	16	Hollinger	£23	−1¼	..	..	..
33	24	Hud Bay Oil	£32	−¼	..	..	..
36	14	Husky Oil	£30	−¼	..	..	..
28	9	INCO	£12	−¼	51.7	4.0	19.9
11	6	IU Int	£9	..	46.2	5.0	9.6
33	18	Kaiser Alum	£25	−¼	87.7	3.4	..
18	6	Massey-Ferg	£8	−¼	56.1	6.8	14.7
17	11	Norton Simon	£14	−¼	43.7	3.1	11.4
28	20	Pacific Petrol	£38	+¼	..	..	..
26	17	Pan Canadian	£24	−¼	..	..	..
205	130	Steep Rock	190	+3	..	..	..
12	8	Trans Can P	£11	−¼	..	..	..
42	17	US Steel	£21	+¼	..	..	..
725	725	White Pass	725	..	15.9	2.2	21.0
13	7	Zapata Corp	£13	..	15.7	1.2	39.1

BANKS AND DISCOUNTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
305	185	Alexs Discount	236	+2	21.7	9.2	5.4
371	218	Allen H & Ross	303	..	29.1	9.6	6.5
201	98	Allied Irish	197	−3	11.4	5.8	4.8
195	108	Arb-Latham	155	..	15.3	9.9	9.7
287	180	ANZ Grp	280	−2	10.9	3.9	9.4
22	13	Bank America	£19	−¼	49.0	2.5	13.3
395	202	Bk of Ireland	385	−2	22.7	5.9	5.3
27	14	Bk Leumi Israel	18	..	0.4	2.1	13.4
206	160	Bk Leumi UK	160	..	11.2	7.0	14.3
575	370	Bk of NSW	557	..	19.3	3.5	12.0
315	222	Bk of Scotland	280	−5	16.5	5.9	7.2
34	21	Bnks Trst NY	£28	−¼	161	5.7	10.4
358	227	Barclays Bank	325	−2	20.1b	6.2	5.5
230	115	Brown Shipley	227	..	14.1	6.2	7.4
313	196	Cater Ryder	254	−1	25.6	10.1	..
28	17	Chase Man	£25	+¼	114	4.4	12.4
29	15	Citicorp	£19	+¼	61.6	3.2	11.8
93	51	Clive Discount	77	−2	7.0	9.1	5.8
230	170	Com Bk of Aust	216	..	9.4	4.4	10.1
170	115	Com Bk of Syd	161	..	7.6	4.7	..
23	13	CC De France	£22	+¼	96.0	4.1	16.5
3	½	First Nat Fin	2	..	..	..	..
13	7	Fraser Ans	10	..	..	..	..
210	130	Gerrard & Nat	173	−3	12.4	7.2	4.8
53	37	Gibbs A.	45	−1	3.3	7.3	19.7
277	161	Gillett Bros	220	−3	23.0	10.5	8.4
126	55	Grindlays Hldgs	117	..	4.2	3.6	3.9
255	150	Guinness Peat	238	−2	16.2	6.8	11.8
25	12	Hambros £10	£15	..	146	9.4	..
257	142	Do Ord	167	..	14.6	8.7	7.1
116	74	Hill Samuel	90	−2	7.4	8.3	7.7
348	202	Hong K & Shang	319	+2	7.7b	2.4	22.0
70	43	Jessel Toynbee	58	..	5.0	8.8	..
215	115	Joseph L.	210	..	12.0	5.7	10.4
32	21	Keyser Ullmann	30	−2	1.8	2.0	6.7
60	42	King & Shaxson	59	..	5.2	8.8	4.5
134	76	Kleinwort Ben	100	..	6.2	8.2	7.3
298	185	Lloyds Bank	275	..	13.8	5.0	5.3
177	92	Mercury Secs	110	..	5.7	5.1	5.8
390	250	Midland	362	+2	22.4n	6.2	5.4
65	39	Minster Assets	57	..	5.3	9.3	5.1
240	168	Nat of Aust	221	..	9.3	4.2	8.8
81	58	Nat Com Bk Grp	72	−2	4.2	5.8	5.3
298	205	Nat W'minster	280	..	17.4	6.2	5.8
43	29	Ottoman	£43	..	280	6.5	9.9
68	45	Rea Bros	50	..	2.5	5.0	10.0
24	14	Royal of Can	£23	−¼	71.8	3.0	24.2
490	290	Schroders	410	..	17.3	4.2	8.1
290	188	Seccombe Mar	210	..	20.2	9.6	9.7
88	51	Smith St Aubyn	75	−1	7.6	10.1	..
430	289	Standard Chart	390	−7	29.2	7.5	4.9
386	213	Union Discount	310	−5	24.0	7.7	3.7
74	37	Wintrust	69	..	4.6	6.7	17.6

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
96	58	Allied	82	−1	6.2	7.5	11.3
170	87	Bass Charrgton	152	−1	7.6	5.0	10.2
51	26	Belhaven Grp	47	..	..	..	..
258	78	Bell A.	232	..	7.4	3.2	9.3
110	54	Boddingtons	104	−1	4.0	3.8	16.1
124	81	Brown M.	108	−2	6.1	5.6	12.6
177	98	Bulmer HP Hldgs	127	..	4.9	3.9	7.5
160	75	Burtonwood	155	..	5.2	3.4	8.2
66	40	C of Ldn Dfd	60	..	3.6	6.1	23.6
195	100	Devenish	182	..	9.1	5.0	9.8
191	119	Distillers	153	−2	11.0	6.0	8.3
119	50	Greenall	115	..	4.2	3.6	11.5
273	152	Greene King	250	−2	13.1	4.5	13.1
198	124	Guinness	158	−2	11.0	7.0	7.4
173	85	Hardys & H'sons	173	..	10.8	6.3	11.6
154	53	Highland	131	−2	4.4	3.3	19.5
106	35	Invergordon	106	..	3.4	3.2	9.8
154	42	Irish Distillers	153	..	6.1	4.0	10.4
71	31	Marston	71	+3	2.7	3.8	10.9
71	46	Scot & Newcastle	62	−1	5.2	8.3	8.3
20	13	Seagram	£18	−¼	45.7	2.5	13.6
85	49	SA Breweries	79	..	7.0	5.8	4.3
117	42	Tomatin	112	..	4.6	4.1	13.9
124	57	Vaux	111	−2	6.1	5.5	11.5
101	58	Whitbread 'A'	92	−1	6.0	6.5	5.9
100	60	Do B	95	..	6.0	6.3	5.7
94	55	Whitbread Inv	92	+2	6.1	6.7	22.3
212	114	Wolverhampton	204	..	9.2	4.5	12.1

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

A—B

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
122	77	AAH	102	..	9.2	9.0	7.5
42	25	AC Cars	36	..	1.4	4.0	7.6
100	38	AGB Research	98	..	5.2n	5.3	10.2
230	134	APV Hldgs	225	..	8.7	3.8	8.5
73	43	Aaronson Bros	65	..	3.0	4.4	6.3
116	62	Acrow	112	..	3.6	3.2	12.7
96	52	Do A	88	..	3.6	4.3	9.7
45	11	Adda Int	44	−¼	1.0	2.3	8.1
282	150	Adwest Group	262	..	15.2	5.8	7.9
63	34	Aeron't & Gen	57	..	3.5	6.1	10.2
62	42	Airfix Ind	49	−3	4.6	9.3	6.8
11	7	Akzo	£10	..	..	..	..
187	79	Albright & W	187	..	7.0	3.7	12.2
162	147	Alcan Ord	158	+4	15.0	9.9	4.8
96	89	Do 10½%	£81	..	1050	12.9	..
160	71	Do 9% Cnv	£148	+3	900	6.1	..
300	205	Alginate Ind	278	+1	21.2	7.6	8.1
77	44	Allen E. Balfour	50	+1	6.6	13.1	10.5
58	29	Allen W. G.	51	−1	4.3	8.4	5.7
100	44	Allied Colloids	68	..	2.6	3.8	12.6
74	43	Allied Insulators	72	..	6.3	8.7	5.5
17	7	Allied Plant	16	..	1.1	6.7	7.0
72	18	Alpine Hldgs	67	..	3.8	5.6	17.2
330	210	Amal Metal	330	..	24.0	7.3	13.4
141	87	Amal Power	139	−1	8.0	5.8	3.7
41	21	Amber Day	41	+½	3.0	7.3	6.0
29	8	Amber Ind Hldgs	28	..	0.8	3.0	4.8
96	41	Anchor Chem	67	..	6.3	9.3	4.3
70	34	Anderson Strath	69	−1	4.7	6.8	6.6
90	48	Anglia TV 'A'	79	−1	6.7	8.4	5.5
560	380	Anglo Amer Ind	570	..	42.2	7.4	6.1
42	22	Ang Swiss Hldgs	33	..	..	..	..
100	49	Appleyard	97	−1	9.5n	9.8	7.8
43	16	Aquascutum 'A'	41	−1	2.3	5.6	8.7
134	69	Arlington Mtr	128	..	11.7	9.2	9.7
75	38	Armitage Shanks	73	..	6.5	8.9	11.5
73	39	Armst Equip	62	+½	3.2	5.1	10.6
94	55	Ass Biscuit	74	..	4.8	6.5	5.0
250	85	Ass Book	223	−2	6.1	2.7	7.4
76	48	Ass Brit Food	65	..	3.5	5.4	6.7
142	82	Ass Engineer	108	..	8.3	7.7	5.6
71	36	Ass Fisheries	41	..	4.6	11.1	4.0
66	29	Ass Leisure	62	−½	4.6	7.4	6.2
196	121	Ass News	165	−3	7.2	4.4	8.9
68	30	Ass Paper	58	−1	4.6	7.9	8.2
119	89	Ass Tel 'A'	117	..	9.9	8.5	7.0
38	23	Ass Tooling	33	..	3.5a	10.5	12.2
48	23	Astbury & Mdley	48	..	1.8	3.6	5.4
58	27	Atkins Bros	51	..	5.6	10.9	5.7
43	18	Audiotronic	18	..	..	..	4.5
38	22	Ault & Wiborg	37	..	3.0	7.9	7.6
99	54	Aurora Hldgs	91	−1	8.0	8.7	4.2
102	30	Austin E.	96	..	5.8	5.9	4.3
37	30	Automotive Pd	83	..	2.1	2.5	8.6
41	14	Avana Grp	41	..	1.7	4.0	7.4
174	113	Averys	160	..	8.8	5.5	9.3
215	74	Avon Rubber	206	..	14.1	6.8	3.0
347	235	B A T Ind	312	−3	22.6	7.2	5.7
255	203	Do Dfd	263	−2	..	..	..
68	39	BBA Grp	54	..	3.6	6.7	5.5
114	71	BET Dfd	105	..	8.1	7.7	7.9
236	87	BICC	217	..	20.7	9.1	10.0
82	61	BOC Int	72	−½	5.3	7.4	5.2
278	311	BPB Ind	223	..	11.6	5.2	4.9
56	26	BPM Hldgs 'A'	51	..	4.3n	8.5	6.3
42	27	BSG Int	41	−½	3.2	7.9	3.9
151	86	BSR Ltd	94	−1	7.2	7.7	6.3
298	129	BTR Ltd	288	+1	12.7	4.4	9.7
144	70	Babcock & W	130	..	8.0	6.1	6.4
36	21	Baggeridge Brk	31	..	3.5	11.4	9.5
9	3	Bailey C.H. Ord	5	−½	0.3	5.4	45.2
189	93	Baird W.	167	..	14.1	8.4	5.5
112	65	Baker Perkins	96	+1	6.5	6.8	3.3
53	29	Bambergers	49	..	4.9	10.0	7.8
34	14	Bambers Stores	83	−1	2.3	2.8	6.2
15	3	Barker & Dobson	11	−¼	..	..	28.8
240	144	Barlow Rand	222	..	17.7	8.0	4.3
112	39	Barr & Wallace	112	+1	5.6	5.0	3.7
111	37	Do A	111	+1	5.6	5.1	3.7
128	59	Barratt Devs	99	−1	12.2	12.3	4.8
54	23	Barrow Hepbn	29	..	5.6	19.2	5.0
59	33	Barton & Sons	57	−1	4.1	7.2	5.9
156	69	Bassett G.	122	−2	8.6	7.0	6.1
59	29	Bath & P'land	73	−1	5.2	7.1	4.2
80	34	Beales J.	77	..	4.4	5.7	3.3
202	66	Beatson Clark	185	..	7.8	4.2	4.9
52	25	Beaufort Grp	48	..	5.1	10.5	8.0
74	48	Beckman A.	73	..	7.4	10.2	8.1
690	372	Beecham Grp	658	−4	28.2	4.3	12.8
83	39	Bejam Grp	68	..	2.3	3.4	8.4
85	54	Bemrose Corp	70	..	5.8	8.3	9.3
78	22	Benn Bros	75	..	3.6	4.8	12.1
211	121	Berec Grp	153	−3	6.5	4.2	7.0
144	74	Berisf'd S & W	144	..	6.5	4.5	5.2
62	31	Berisfords	56	..	3.7	6.6	4.7
57	36	Best & May	57	..	4.3	7.5	9.9
146	122	Bestobell	156	..	14.3	9.2	7.0
69	28	Bett Bros	59	..	2.7a	4.6	9.2
249	102	Bibby J.	232	−1	9.9	4.3	4.4
56	29	Bifurcated Eng	46	..	4.3	9.3	4.3
84	50	Birm'gham Mint	74	+3	7.4	9.9	4.4
123	68	Black & Edg'ton	112	..	6.6	5.9	13.6
63	35	Blackwd Hodge	61	..	3.4	5.6	6.3
30	15	Blackwood Mt	25	..	..	..	14.4
252	122	Blagden & N	252	..	18.2	7.2	10.8
294	153	Blue Circle Ind	245	..	14.2	5.8	6.3
73	39	Blundell Perm	70	..	4.8	6.9	6.8
13	7	Boardman K. O.	13	..	1.5	11.3	3.4
73	33	Bodycote	58	−1	3.4	5.9	5.6
35	17	Bonser Eng	27	+1	2.2	8.1	7.6
266	128	Booker McCon	254	−1	10.7	4.2	7.4
212	84	B'sey & Hwkes	167	..	7.7	4.6	6.8
161	87	Boot H.	154	−3	13.9	9.0	8.6
242	115	Boots	199	−5	9.1	4.6	14.1
97	45	Borthwick T.	50	..	9.4	18.8	6.9
17	11	Boulton W.	16	..	1.7	10.4	6.7
215	160	Bowater Corp	185	−2	14.7	7.9	6.4
66	34	Bowthorpe Hldgs	53	−1	2.5n	4.6	6.3
100	62	Braby Leslie	91	−2	8.0	8.8	3.6
76	60	Brady Ind	65	..	8.6	13.2	12.3
75	52	Do A	52	..	8.6	16.5	9.9
40	23	Braham Millar	38	..	2.4	6.4	4.8
45	17	Braid Grp	37	..	2.2	5.7	5.6
179	67	Braithwaite	128	−2	11.7	9.2	7.2
152	44	Brammer H.	150	..	6.4	4.2	9.8
57	38	Bremner	57	..	5.8	10.1	14.4
191	70	Brent Chem Int	178	..	4.7	2.7	14.9
64	25	Brent Walker	55	..	1.9	3.5	22.8
45	22	Brickhouse Dud	42	..	3.6	8.5	4.6
172	90	Bridon	103	−1	9.3	9.0	10.2
41	27	Bright J. Grp	30	..	3.7	12.2	10.3
49	29	Brit Car Auctn	45	..	3.8b	8.3	11.1
246	137	Brit Home Strs	184	−1	9.5	5.2	14.9
28	20	Brit Leyland	23	..	..	..	..
120	77	Brit Northrop	85	+1	9.1	10.7	3.4
55	31	Brit Printing	49	−½	4.8	9.8	4.4
92	50	Brit Sim Spec	90	..	7.8	8.6	7.8
124	69	Brit Sugar	112	..	7.2b	6.4	2.6
70	30	Brit Syphon Ind	60	−1	4.6	7.5	4.3
59	30	Brit Tar Prod	59	..	2.1	3.6	10.7
97	36	Brit Vita	96	..	2.7	2.8	4.2
30	13	Brittains	27	..	2.3	8.4	7.0
71	44	Brockhouse Ltd	65	..	5.8	8.9	8.2
86	41	Brocks Grp	66	−1	5.2	7.8	17.2
715	385	Broken Hill	680	..	19.6	2.9	68.0
40	26	Bronx Eng	30	−1	2.4	7.9	4.5
72	35	Brook St Bur	70	..	6.4	9.1	14.1
56	33	Brooke Bond	45	..	4.3	9.6	3.7
37	17	Brooke Tool	37	..	3.8b	10.1	7.3
158	49	Brotherhood P.	128	..	9.6n	7.5	9.1
144	23	Brown & J'kson	144	..	1.5	1.1	12.7
100	74	Brown & Tawse	100	+2	7.3	7.3	5.8
60	23	BBK	53	−1	3.3	6.3	6.7
27	12	Brown Bros Cp	24	−¼	1.6	6.6	14.1
402	98	Brown J.	396	−2	13.2n	3.3	4.0
124	88	Bruntons	104	..	10.6b	10.2	9.3
58	17	Bryant Hldgs	48	−1	3.6	7.7	9.7
143	61	Bullough Ltd	140	..	9.3	6.7	5.8
56	28	Bulmer & Lumb	57	−1	4.7	8.3	4.7
120	87	Bunzl Pulp	104	..	7.4	7.1	4.6
81	35	Burco Dean	77	+1	6.2	8.1	7.7
52	22	Burgess Prod	47	..	3.5	7.5	7.3
195	64	Burnett H'shire	195	+1	4.3	2.2	5.1
195	63	Do A NV	195	+2	4.3	2.2	5.1
39	16	Burns And'son	38	..	2.3	6.0	5.5
17	9	Burrell & Co	14	..	1.4	9.6	28.4
186	120	Burt Boulton	175	..	15.2	8.7	5.0
142	51	Burton Grp	120	..	2.3	1.9	..
130	39	Do A	116	..	2.3	2.0	..
69	30	Butterfld-Harvy	66	−1½	3.4n	5.1	9.1

C—E

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
35	14	CH Industrials	32	−½	3.0	9.3	4.8
59	35	Cadbury Sch	55	..	4.6	8.3	7.2
131	70	Caffyns	110	..	9.7	8.8	7.1
62	48	C'bread Robey	62	..	2.5	4.0	16.4
134	30	Campari	123	+1	3.0	2.5	6.3
121	64	Do B	112	..	..	..	..
82	43	Camrex Hldgs	62	..	5.0	8.1	5.2
67	36	Canning W.	63	..	5.3	8.5	5.7
138	97	Cape Ind	126	..	12.4	9.9	3.3
102	37	Caplan Profile	101	..	7.3	7.2	6.5
90	39	Capper Neill	79	−2	3.2	4.0	4.0
95	33	Caravans Int	78	..	7.3	9.4	2.9
73	35	Carclo Eng	73	+1	4.5	6.2	5.5
51	28	Carless Capel	34	..	1.4	4.1	9.5
301	59	Carlton Ind	196	..	8.3	4.2	7.7
76	39	Carpets Int	57	..	..	..	14.3
48	19	Carr J. (Don)	47	..	1.4	3.0	7.3
43	22	Carr'ton Viy	36	−½	3.2	8.9	4.5
110	62	Carroll P. J.	97	..	9.7	10.0	7.4
45	28	Cashet S. Hldgs	39	..	3.3	8.5	4.0
25	7	Causton Sir J.	16	−½	..	..	4.1
165	88	Cawoods	139	..	5.3	3.8	10.2
36	12	Celestion	30	..	1.1	3.8	8.9
88	32	Cement Rdstone	88	..	4.5	5.1	8.5
64	25	Cen & Sheer	64	..	3.6	5.5	9.4
60	36	Central Man	56	..	4.8	8.3	3.7
263	68	Centreway Ltd	236	..	17.5	7.4	6.7
52	34	Ch'man & Hill	52	+2	4.1	7.9	3.7
50	27	Chamberl'n Grp	46	..	4.2	9.0	5.1
33	8	Change Wares	20	−½	0.6b	3.1	16.0
24	17	Do Cnv Cum	31	..	1.8	8.7	..
129	91	Chloride Grp	113	−2	7.8	6.9	10.8
112	57	Christies Int	110	−1	5.0	4.5	9.6
51	37	Christy Bros	48	−1	4.3	8.9	4.0
146	93	Chubb & Sons	124	+1	5.9	4.7	7.1
198	87	Church & Co	162	..	5.1	3.2	6.5
79	45	Coalite & Chem	70	..	4.2	6.0	5.0
79	50	Coales Bros	73	..	3.5	4.8	7.1
77	45	Do A	72	..	3.5	4.9	7.0
84	57	Coats Patons	72	..	4.9	6.8	4.9
130	45	Cole R. H.	115	..	5.6	4.8	8.9
62	33	Collett D'son	54	−1	5.0	9.2	3.8
146	99	Collins W.	128	..	7.0	5.6	8.0
146	99	Do A	128	..	7.0	5.6	7.8
38	14	Comben Grp	28	..	2.6	9.2	9.2
101	50	Comb Eng Strs	97	−1	4.9	5.1	11.0
133	30	Comet Radiov'n	123	−2	3.9	3.2	11.2
114	64	CompAir	94	..	5.7	6.1	7.5
37	20	Compton Webb	33	−½	2.8	8.4	8.6
40	16	Cook W.	30	..	2.6	8.7	6.6
65	37	Cope Allman	62	−½	3.2	5.4	6.3
17	9	Copson F.	15	..	1.1	7.5	7.6
39	18	Corah	35	..	2.4	8.0	4.5
144	34	Coral Leisure	95	..	5.1n	5.5	5.6
72	38	Cornercroft	65	..	6.3b	9.7	13.7
59	25	Cosalt	55	−1	3.4	6.2	5.0
221	89	Costain R.	186	..	3.9	2.1	6.2
46	8	Countryside	43	−1	3.5	8.2	15.0
112	73	Courts (Furn)	111	..	5.3	4.6	6.8
111	73	Do A NV	112	..	5.3	4.8	6.8
135	90	Courtaulds	121	..	11.4	9.4	10.9
72	30	Courtney Pope	61	..	3.6	5.9	8.7
78	30	C'wan de Groot	70	..	3.5	4.9	4.2
44	23	Cowie T.	40	−½	2.7	6.6	3.6
44	15	Crellon Hldgs	17	..	..	..	..
80	28	Crest Nicholson	62	..	5.6	6.8	9.7
72	43	Croda Int	57	..	3.3	5.9	6.7
43	25	Cronite Grp	40	..	3.7	9.3	13.4
67	23	Cropper J.	67	..	2.3	3.4	3.4
160	94	Crosby Hse	141	..	..	..	..
104	45	Crossley Bldg	104	..	6.3	6.0	14.6
98	48	Crouch D.	95	..	6.0	6.3	8.1
73	25	Crouch Grp	69	−1	4.2	6.0	12.1
61	37	Crown House	59	−½	5.9	9.8	8.8
39	28	Crowther J.	34	..	1.0	2.9	..
147	83	Cum'ns En Cr	£93	−2	375	3.9	..
164	63	Dale Electric	147	−2	4.1	2.8	14.7
23	14	Dana Corp	£21	−¼	67.2	3.1	..
19	9	Dartmouth Inv	18	..	1.9	10.2	4.0
140	70	Davies & New	130	..	11.1	8.5	10.9
95	39	Davis G.	93	..	5.0	5.4	4.2
298	150	Davy Int	250	+1	15.5	6.2	8.3
650	350	De Beers Ind	650	−10	44.6	6.9	12.2
35	21	Deanson Hldgs	35	..	3.2	9.1	7.8
118	64	Debenhams	88	..	8.0	9.1	8.4
365	128	De La Rue	367	−3	15.2	4.2	6.6
540	233	Decca	410	−3	16.6	4.0	11.7
555	222	Do A	400	−3	16.6	4.2	11.5
91	49	Delta Metal	70	−½	7.6	10.8	8.8
100	66	Denbyware	82	..	8.2	10.0	..
178	82	De Vere Hotels	160	..	7.1	4.4	23.2
66	20	Dewhirst I. J.	66	+1	2.0	3.0	7.2
25	11	Dewhurst Dent	18	−½	..	..	8.9
143	89	DRG	139	..	10.6	8.9	9.4
178	57	Diploma Inv	175	..	5.8	3.3	10.8
75	26	Dixon D.	75	+3	3.8	5.0	33.3
178	83	Dixons Photo	139	+1	3.4	2.5	8.8
64	20	Dixor	56	..	0.9b	1.6	54.4
100	40	Dobson Park	95	..	6.1	6.2	7.9
84	41	Dom Hldgs	79	..	7.0	8.9	11.4
91	40	Dorada Hldgs	80	..	6.9	8.7	6.5
105	43	Douglas R. M.	86	..	4.6	5.9	6.7
29	17	Dow'd & Mills	29	..	1.7	5.8	13.6
250	165	Downing G. H.	232	..	17.3	7.5	3.5
226	93	Dowty Grp	226	+5	6.7	3.0	14.4
29	12	Drake & Scull	28	+1	..	..	4.4
38	14	Dreamland Elec	32	−1	1.9	6.0	6.9
39	27	Dufay	35	..	2.1	6.1	13.0
123	72	Dunlop Hldgs	77	−2	8.0	10.4	5.7
17	5	Duple Int	17	..	1.0b	5.9	6.7
87	57	Dupont	72	..	6.9	9.5	4.9
134	41	Durapipe Int	128	−2	6.2	4.8	7.8
51	26	Dutton For.	45	−1	4.3	9.3	3.5
37	21	Dykes J. Hldgs	27	..	..	..	..
253	129	E.M.I.	142	−2	14.0	9.9	5.3
126	22	ERF Hldgs	121	−2	4.2	3.5	2.4
55	35	E Lancs Paper	55	..	5.0	9.1	5.8
109	22	Eastern Prod	96	..	6.6	6.9	2.7
160	56	Eastwood J. B.	150	−10	5.9	3.9	7.7
198	105	Ecobric	187	..	9.6	5.1	8.8
45	18	Elecc Hldgs	43	..	2.9	6.7	21.9
52	32	EIS	52	..	4.5	8.7	8.5
474	89	Electrocomps	475	..	7.5	1.6	82.1
29	15	Electronic Mach	24	..	..	..	..
131	48	Electr'nic Rent	124	..	7.6	6.1	7.5
132	55	Elliott B.	132	..	8.1	6.1	4.6
97	66	Ellis & Everard	95	−2	7.6	8.0	17.5
27	14	Ellis & Gold	25	..	2.9	11.6	10.6
102	37	Elson & Robbins	89	..	5.0	5.6	7.0
21	10	Elswick Hopper	17	..	1.5	8.6	5.2
202	82	Empire Stores	160	..	7.3	4.5	12.7
16	4	Energy Serv	16	..	0.5	2.8	14.0
36	22	England J. E.	28	..	2.2	7.7	6.1
34	25	English & O'seas	28	..	0.9	3.1	15.9
108	50	English Card Cl	83	..	4.5	5.4	4.5
109	69	Eng China Clay	75	−1	6.0	7.9	8.3
91	51	Erith & Co	91	..	8.3	9.1	11.4
220	122	Esperanza	139	−2	8.0	5.7	5.1
78	42	Eucalyptus Pulp	60	..	6.4	10.7	2.6
139	54	Euro Ferries	128	−1	4.2	3.3	6.2
107	52	Eva Industries	93	..	7.3	7.8	4.3
47	21	Evode Hldgs	38	..	1.7	4.6	6.2
39	14	Ewer G.	39	..	2.6b	6.6	30.2
19	7	Excalibur	19	..	0.8	4.7	6.5
108	65	Exch Telegraph	107	..	8.2	7.7	3.4
77	55	Expand Metal	72	..	5.6	7.7	8.3

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
115	52	FMC	67	..	3.9	5.7	3.3
26	7	FPA Cons	15	..	..	..	7.8
83	29	Fairbairn L'son	57	..	7.6	13.3	5.1
78	37	Fairclough Cons	71	−2	5.3	7.5	8.3
117	29	Fairview Est	115	..	8.9	7.8	7.0
135	109	Farmer S. W.	124	..	7.7	6.2	7.0
300	81	Farnell Elect	293	−1	10.0	3.4	12.2
47	13	Fed Lnd & Build	42	..	3.5	8.2	11.4
36	23	Feedex Ltd	32	..	2.1	6.5	6.8
150	111	Fenner J. H.	143	−3	10.5	7.4	9.8
114	45	Ferguson Ind	114	−2	9.1	8.0	7.5
54	19	Fine Art Dev	54	−½	2.8	5.1	21.4
390	150	Finlay J.	347	−3	22.7b	6.6	5.6
24	6	Finlay Pack	24	..	0.9	3.8	8.9
51	10	First Castle	39	..	3.0	7.7	10.9
400	283	Fisons	360	−5	39.3	5.4	7.3
73	45	Fitch Lovell	63	..	6.1	9.7	7.9
91	43	Fluidrive Eng	82	..	5.2	6.3	8.7
68	20	Fodens	67	−1	2.9	5.7	4.4
145	36	Fogarty E.	120	..	3.9	3.2	4.7
28	19	Folkes Hefo NV	27	+½	2.1	7.7	4.8
29	16	Ford M.	27	..	3.1	11.4	9.6
259	130	Ford Mtr BDR	185	..	8.3	4.5	19.5
165	49	Forminster	165	+5	6.0	3.6	7.9
212	121	Foseco Min	168	−1	6.9	4.1	11.3
130	39	Foster Bros	128	−1	4.3	3.4	12.3
35	18	Foster J.	35	..	3.8	10.8	5.1
104	69	Fothergill & H	101	..	9.4	9.3	8.3
48	28	Francis G. R.	40	..	5.4	13.4	7.2
74	28	Francis Ind	71	..	5.1	7.2	4.1
326	127	Freemans Ldn	320	−2	9.0	2.8	11.7
70	40	French T.	62	+½	4.2	6.8	4.8
35	14	French Kier	34	..	2.7	7.8	6.0
96	58	Friedland Doggt	96	..	4.7	4.9	6.9
90	48	GEI Int	89	−1	6.3	7.1	3.9
57	33	Galliford Brindley	55	..	5.1	9.2	6.0
16	7	Garford Lilley	14	+½	1.1	7.7	5.5
104	67	Garnar Scotblair	96	..	6.8	7.1	4.6
282	163	GEC	263	−5	6.8	2.5	8.3
104	96	Do F Rate	£99	..	1106	11.1	..
27	13	Gen Eng (Rad)	17	..	1.5	9.1	4.5
330	185	Gen Mtr BDR	240	..	11.0	4.6	23.3
204	124	Gestetner 'A'	168	..	6.3	3.7	5.9
85	32	Gibbons Dudley	81	−2	3.6	4.7	4.0
105	35	Gieves Grp	86	−1	6.8	7.9	5.7
139	80	Gill & Duffus	134	..	6.6	4.9	8.3
65	23	Giltspur Ltd	58	−1	4.4	7.6	5.9
74	36	Glass & Metal	74	−1	4.2	5.7	5.3
27	13	Glass Glover	25	+1	1.9	7.6	6.9
667	400	Glaxo Hldgs	565	−3	16.2	2.9	11.3
54	19	Gleeson M. J.	40	..	2.9	7.2	6.1
66	34	Glossop & W.J.	65	−1	5.7	8.8	6.8
120	76	Glynwed	99	−1	12.4	12.5	10.4
74	39	Goldbg & Sons	73	−1	6.2	8.5	12.4
87	41	Gomme Hldgs	67	..	5.1	7.6	5.8
95	60	Gordon & Gotch	78	..	4.0	5.2	7.4
26	11	Gordon L. Grp	25	..	..	..	21.0
61	47	Grampian Hldgs	56	..	6.1	10.8	14.3
109	42	Granada 'A'	102	−2	3.1	3.0	11.1
116	69	Grand Met Ltd	105	−1	6.7	6.3	8.8
156	77	Grattan W'hse	117	−1	8.4	7.2	9.1
349	183	Gt Univ Stores	280	−2	11.8	4.2	13.0
346	175	Do A	278	−2	11.8	4.2	12.9
58	17	Greenfield Mill	50	..	2.7	5.5	6.5
55	28	Gripperrods	44	..	3.6	8.1	4.9
368	248	GKN	265	−3	23.6	8.9	7.8
120	49	HTV Grp	108	..	15.2	13.9	7.9
109	71	Haden Carrier	97	..	11.8	12.2	12.8
114	55	Haggas J.	114	+2	1.0n	0.9	8.3
109	82	Hall Eng	102	−1	6.7	6.6	6.7
225	98	Hall M.	221	−1	10.7	4.9	9.3
68	34	Halma Ltd	67	..	3.8	5.7	5.8
104	68	Hanimex Corp	85	−4	4.4	5.1	4.8
161	100	Hanson Trust	130	..	10.0	7.7	6.4
51	26	Hardy Furn	28	..	..	..	..
47	23	Do A	26	−1	..	..	..
61	38	Hargreaves Grp	58	..	4.9	8.4	9.2
59	34	Harris Sheldon	51	..	4.5	8.8	8.6
123	45	Harrison T.C.	106	−1	6.2	5.8	5.8
537	276	Harrison Cros	537	..	33.0n	6.1	10.7
104	52	Hartwells Grp	97	..	10.2	10.5	2.9
226	113	Hawker Sidd	216	−4	6.2	2.9	8.8
76	43	Hawkins & T'son	69	..	6.1	8.8	4.5
76	24	Hawthorn L.	66	..	..	..	..
149	87	Hays Wharf	136	−2	7.7	5.7	14.1
51	37	Headlam Sims	50	−1	2.6	5.2	4.1
21	8	Helene of Ldn	21	..	1.0	4.8	4.8
41	20	Helical Bar	40	..	..	..	25.8
94	39	Hend'son Kent	92	−1	3.7	4.0	6.8
137	84	Henly's	132	..	13.0b	10.8	5.0
100	39	Hepworth Cer	88	..	5.0	5.7	7.0
65	29	Hepworth J.	65	+1	3.6	5.8	10.4
11	6	Herman Smith	10	−¼	..	..	..
131	72	Hestair	101	−1	9.5	9.4	3.9
68	17	Hewden-Stuart	67	−½	1.9	2.9	7.0
22	11	Hewitt J.	21	..	1.6	7.4	4.8
99	63	Hicking P'cost	98	..	10.9	11.1	5.1
222	98	Hickson Welch	190	−3	5.4	2.8	5.1
97	34	Higgs & Hill	82	..	5.2	6.3	4.6
83	22	Hill & Smith	82	−1	3.0	3.7	5.0
150	76	Hill C. Bristol	112	+2	11.0	9.8	35.4
300	71	Hillards	226	..	6.7	3.0	6.5
92	66	Hoffnung S.	86	..	6.4	7.5	6.3
85	35	Hollas Grp	65	..	6.9	10.6	6.3
74	34	Hollis Bros	64	..	6.7	10.5	5.8
154	76	Holt Lloyd	152	−2	10.6	7.0	11.0
177	60	Home Charm	164	..	5.5	3.3	11.2
410	195	Hoover	290	−10	22.5	7.7	11.2
412	195	Do A	290	−10	22.5	7.7	11.2
110	55	Hopkinsons	104	..	7.7	7.4	5.9
99	37	Horizon Mid	93	−1	8.6	9.1	9.5
157	71	Hse of Fraser	138	−3	7.2	5.3	10.0
79	28	Hoveringham	79	..	2.9	3.6	9.6
75	21	Do RV	75	..	3.2	4.2	9.3
32	11	Howard & Wynd	30	−2	0.5	1.7	17.0
24	10	Do A	24	..	0.5	2.1	13.6
32	24	Howard Mach	24	..	3.4	14.1	16.8
31	17	Howard Tenens	29	..	2.6	8.8	..
72	39	Howden Grp	69	−1	9.2	9.0	4.5
15	9	Hudsons Bay	£15	−¼	31.2	1.9	15.7
30	16	Hunt Moscrop	29	..	1.1	4.0	7.8
132	63	Huntleigh Grp	130	..	3.6	2.7	7.9
118	47	Hutch Whamp	109	−¾	..	..	..

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324	150	ICI	314	−2	11.6	3.7	5.8
118	73	IDC Grp	106	..	13.6	12.6	20.8
69	46	IMI	61	−½	5.0	8.2	7.4
179	74	Ibstock Johns'n	170	..	9.3	5.5	6.4
445	326	Imp Chem Ind	382	−2	25.0	6.5	8.4
122	75	Imp Cold Store	122	..	8.3	6.8	4.9
85	65	Imperial Grp	80	−1	8.6	10.7	6.1
25	17	Ingall Ind	24	..	2.8	11.6	9.0
40	27	Ingram H.	38	..	4.3	11.2	9.0
77	46	Initial Services	75	..	6.6	8.8	12.6
74	41	Int Paint	73	..	3.5	4.8	5.9
135	70	Int Timber	135	+1	10.7	7.9	8.5
82	47	Inveresk Grp	73	−1	7.4	10.1	8.5
9	6	Itoh BDR	70	..	8.8	0.9	..
67	34	JB Hldgs	63	−½	1.6	2.5	6.3
29	12	Jacks W.	27	..	1.0	3.7	..
75	37	Jacksons B'End	72	..	3.0	4.2	8.6
14	9	James M. Ind	12	−¼	1.5	12.7	6.2
358	149	Jardine M'son	253	−3	6.5	2.5	..
197	96	Jarvis J.	187	..	13.5	9.2	5.4
46	16	Jessups Hldgs	37	−1	2.6	7.1	5.5
69	43	Johnson & F B	62	−1	7.1	11.5	4.1
107	27	Johnson Grp	94	−1	5.9	6.3	6.9
482	307	Johnson Matt	433	−2	20.6	4.9	8.3
134	36	Johnson-Richd	94	..	2.7	2.9	6.5
90	42	Jones Stroud	85	−1	7.2	8.2	4.0
44	21	Jourdan T.	40	..	4.4	11.0	4.5
73	27	K Shoes	65	−1	3.8	5.8	5.9
37	19	Kalamazoo	30	..	3.1	10.1	7.0
135	36	Kelsey Ind	92	..	4.9	5.3	4.3
84	49	Kenning M'r	70	−½	6.9	9.8	5.7
44	21	Kent M. P.	34	..	3.2	9.4	9.2
80	33	Kitchen Taylor	72	..	1.5	2.1	7.3
140	52	Kode Int	140	−5	7.1	5.1	7.6
51	13	Kwik-Fit Hldgs	51	−½	1.3	2.4	13.8
137	65	Kwik Save Disc	75	−2	3.9	5.1	11.9
93	63	LCP Hldgs	86	..	8.3	9.7	6.0
48	29	LRC Int	35	−½	4.4	12.7	6.0
135	80	LWT Hldgs 'A'	115	−1	10.5	8.9	7.1
216	86	Ladbroke	254	−5	11.7	7.4	9.9
61	25	Ladies Pride	61	..	2.9	4.8	7.6
184	70	Laing J.	171	−3	4.7	2.6	7.5
182	69	Do A	150	−2	4.7	2.6	7.5
58	40	Laird Grp Ltd	56	−1	4.4	4.7	6.3
65	43	Lake & Elliot	52	..	5.3	10.2	11.7
43	31	Lambert H'wth	40	..	4.6	12.0	5.5
78	25	Lane P. Grp	56	..	5.0	6.9	3.9
131	83	Laporte Ind	112	−1	10.3	9.2	11.5
140	84	Latham J.	135	−5	11.4	8.5	8.5
136	45	Laurence Scott	106	+1	7.6	7.2	6.2
106	53	Lawrence W.	90	..	9.9	10.9	6.7
66	24	Lawtex	58	..	4.9	8.3	3.8
177	128	Lead Industries	142	−2	11.2	7.9	5.8
62	38	Le-Bas E.	41	..	2.5	6.7	..
25	15	Lee A.	21	..	2.3	10.4	4.7
125	22	Lee Cooper	118	−2	3.8	3.2	4.4
172	60	Leigh Int	151	−2	6.6b	4.4	15.5
133	60	Leisure C'van	130	..	6.5	5.3	12.7
45	27	Lennons Grp	34	..	2.5	7.4	6.7
283	113	Lep Grp	237	−3	5.2	2.2	6.9
82	57	Lesney Ord	78	..	4.4	5.6	5.5
167	70	Letraset	140	−1	8.2	5.8	9.7
86	38	Lex Service	81	..	5.3	6.4	4.8
165	31	Liberty Ord	140	..	4.4	3.1	7.7
88	33	Lilley F. J. C.	68	..	3.8	5.6	6.3
61	30	Lincroft Kilg	52	−1	5.9	11.1	2.9
151	58	Lindustries	143	−1	13.6	9.5	6.0
197	100	Linfood Hldgs	142	..	14.2	10.0	6.0
39	19	Linread	35	..	3.4	9.6	..
46	22	Lister & Co	45	..	0.2	0.3	..
79	64	Lloyd F. H.	66	−1	8.1	12.2	6.1
20	9	Locker T.	19	..	1.3	6.9	7.5
19	8	Do A	19	..	1.3	7.3	7.5
118	58	Lockwoods Fds	100	−2	5.6	5.6	5.4
89	44	Ldn & M'land	66	..	7.3	11.5	5.6
43	23	Ldn & N'thern	29	−½	3.0	10.3	7.9
85	39	Ldn Brick Co	62	−1	4.9	8.0	4.9
217	94	Ldn Prov Post	174	..	14.7	8.4	6.5
73	31	Longton Trans	62	..	5.4	8.7	3.6
87	56	Lonrho	57	−½	9.5	17.4	3.4
92	39	Lonsdale Univ	87	..	7.7	8.9	6.1
67	26	Lookers	62	−1	3.9	6.1	2.3
80	44	Lovell Hldgs	85	..	5.9	6.9	4.0
178	120	Low & Bonar	165	−2	16.5n	9.7	5.4
337	204	Lucas Ind	300	−1	12.9	4.3	7.2
128	47	Lyons J. Ord	89	..	11.5b	12.9	..

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
107	26	MFI Furn	105	+5	3.3	3.1	9.8
214	87	MK Electric	194	−1	9.5	5.2	9.6
134	48	ML Hldgs	130	−4	6.4	4.9	11.2
70	37	MY Dart	56	..	3.4	6.2	4.2
288	138	McCorquodale	265	..	25.5	8.5	7.5
49	35	McInerney Prop	45	..	3.0	6.7	20.4
29	10	McCleery L'Amie	25	..	0.3	2.1	..
49	28	Mackay H.	43	−1	4.9	11.4	20.2
94	60	McKechnie Bros	88	..	7.6	8.5	5.6
32	17	Mackinnon Scot	32	..	2.5	4.8	6.2
80	31	McNeill Grp	40	..	..	..	..
73	37	Macpherson D.	72	..	4.3	6.1	7.4
217	113	Magnet & Sthns	192	..	13.5	7.0	6.7
55	29	Mallinson Denny	49	..	4.2	8.5	6.7
78	50	Man Agcy Music	73	−2	4.6	11.7	6.8
36	15	Manch Garages	34	−1	7.6	20.5	4.5
247	177	Man Ship Canal	223	..	28.6	10.4	12.1
109	24	Mang Bronze	80	−2	2.9	3.6	3.6
53	27	Manordale Grp	48	..	6.2	13.0	4.6
19	5	Maple Hldgs	15	..	..	..	..
136	135	Marchwiel	136	−2	7.6	5.6	..
170	95	Marks & Spencer	153	..	6.4	4.2	14.8
98	48	Marley Ltd	75	..	3.5	5.0	6.6
27	8	Marling Ind	26	..	1.7	6.5	6.0
59	31	Marshall Cav	49	−½	6.6	13.5	8.2
50	27	Marshall T. Lox	45	..	3.9	7.7	2.9
48	26	Do A	47	..	3.9	7.9	2.9
164	35	Marshalls Univ	156	..	9.7	6.1	5.2
97	45	Martin-Black	95	..	6.2	6.8	..
240	95	Martin-News	220	..	11.0	4.9	5.5
171	91	Martonair	170	+2	8.2	4.8	10.8
85	45	May & Hassell	67	..	4.6	7.5	5.6
136	60	Maynards	123	..	7.6	6.2	7.6
31	14	Mears Bros	14	..	..	..	36.3
26	15	Medminster	24	..	2.3	10.0	3.7
92	50	Melody Mills	90	..	4.4	4.9	6.3
14	9	Menmore Mfg	16	..	1.4	8.7	4.3
165	38	Menzies J.	158	−2	3.6	2.3	8.5
362	246	Metal Box	324	−2	22.7	7.0	5.3
103	65	Metal Closures	102	..	6.4	6.2	8.5
45	12	Metalrax	42	..	2.6	3.7	8.1
64	29	Mettoy	61	..	3.2	5.3	4.3
93	44	Meyer M. L.	94	+1	7.8	8.4	6.6
44	19	Midland Ind	41	..	2.6	3.8	6.9
113	35	Milbury	95	..	7.3	7.5	3.9
195	25	Mills & Allen	176	−4	3.0	1.7	..
93	29	Mining Supplies	84	..	1.7	2.0	11.5
49	36	Mit Cotts Grp	41	..	5.2	12.5	9.5
48	24	Mitchell Somers	67	−1	4.8	7.2	5.2
68	43	Mixconcrete	62	..	4.8	7.8	20.9
48	23	Modern Eng	37	..	4.1	11.0	3.0
132	97	Moline	127	..	10.8	8.5	9.4
102	29	Monk A.	91	..	5.3	5.8	8.2
50	32	Monte'o 5% Ln	£43	..	500	11.6	..
59	49	Do 6% Ln	£51	..	625	12.3	..
220	98	Do 5% Cnv	£113	−1	500	4.4	..
72	35	Montfort Knit	72	..	5.3	7.3	5.0
90	27	More O'Ferrall	89	..	4.6	5.7	9.5
337	86	Morgan Cruc	219	−1	8.0	6.7	8.5
68	24	Morgan Edwds	58	..	..	..	..
58	24	Morrall Abel	46	..	3.5	7.9	4.6
72	36	Morris & Blakey	70	..	6.2	8.9	8.2
70	33	Do A	68	..	6.2	9.2	8.0
215	36	Moss Bros	214	..	4.9	4.3	15.6
73	46	Moss Eng	66	..	6.1	9.6	7.0
210	101	Mothercare	166	−2	4.6	2.7	16.2
15	8	Moritex	12	..	..	..	..
144	48	Mowlem J.	116	+1	9.9	8.5	8.2
200	127	Muirhead	179	..	7.6	4.2	13.7
72	39	Myson Grp	64	..	1.5	2.4	6.7
109	43	NSS News	108	..	3.1	2.9	5.9
53	27	Nathan B. & I.	48	−1	5.0	10.4	5.3
67	36	Nat Carbon	44	..	..	..	..
38	12	Needlers	34	..	2.3	6.7	5.1
45	30	Neepsend	44	−1	4.6	10.4	27.9
90	37	Negretti & Zam	76	−½	5.0	6.6	6.9
103	69	Neill J.	101	..	9.7n	9.6	4.9
187	45	Newarthill	154	..	7.3	4.8	4.8
93	33	Newman Ind	60	−1	7.6	9.5	3.2
72	33	Newman Tonks	57	..	6.1	10.8	7.3
183	88	Newmark L.	174	..	9.9n	5.7	5.5
94	51	Norcros	85	−1	6.7	7.7	5.9
44	31	Norfolk C Grp	36	−1	0.9b	2.6	14.6
49	26	Normand Elec	43	..	4.3	10.0	6.0
115	54	NEI	103	..	9.1	8.8	5.3
95	45	Nthn Foods	91	..	5.7b	6.2	10.8
205	44	Norton & Wright	157	..	6.0	3.9	15.2
49	12	Norton W. E.	48	+½	1.0	2.1	6.5
107	52	Norwest Holst	97	..	7.0	7.2	4.4
129	60	Notts Mfg	125	..	4.5	3.6	7.3
122	45	Nurdin & Peacck	74	−1	2.8	3.8	7.9
28	17	Nu-Swift Ind	25	..	2.4	9.3	12.1

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
107	68	Ocean Wilsons	92	..	4.4	4.7	8.3
118	55	Office & Elect	112	−1	6.2	5.5	7.4
99	50	Ofrex Grp	95	−1	4.6	4.8	8.6
46	23	Ogilvy & M	£44	−¼	108	2.4	14.6
87	43	Owen Owen	87	..	4.3	5.0	8.2
66	7	Oxley Printing	69	−½	3.8	5.7	2.8
124	56	Parker Knoll 'A'	106	..	5.0	4.8	4.1
115	60	Parker Timber	102	..	8.3	8.1	4.8
44	14	Paterson R.	43	+1	3.5	8.0	6.6
230	120	Paterson Zoch	183	..	11.7b	6.3	3.5
228	117	Do A NV	183	..	11.7b	6.4	3.4
135	83	Pauls & Whites	113	..	6.5	5.8	6.7
197	103	Pearson Long	186	..	8.1	4.9	7.7
223	128	Pearson & Son	220	−2	10.3	4.7	9.3
37	24	Do 4% Ln	£31	..	400	12.9	..
205	143	Pegler-Hatt	180	..	13.8	7.3	6.1
29	6	Pentland Ind	21	..	1.0	4.7	4.6
94	42	Pentos	87	..	6.5	7.5	5.3
90	63	Perkin El 4%	£86	..	..	..	..
110	30	Perry H. Mtrs	107	−3	4.1	3.8	3.8
87	59	Petrocon Grp	71	..	6.9	9.7	9.3
64	51	Philips Fin 5%	£54	..	575	10.6	..
11	7	Philips Lamps	£9	..	42.1	4.5	..
19	7	Phillips Pats	17	..	..	..	16.7
195	64	Phoenix Timber	153	..	6.5	4.2	2.1
150	67	P'dilly Theatre	130	..	1.8	1.4	35.1
16	11	Pickles W.	15	−½	1.0	6.9	10.3
112	54	Pifco Hldgs	89	..	4.2	4.7	6.7
108	52	Do A	84	..	4.2	5.0	6.4
587	273	Pilkington Bros	549	−5	17.6	3.2	7.1
58	38	Pittard Grp	53	..	4.2	7.9	5.0
85	40	Plaxtons	80	..	5.4	6.7	6.8
77	31	Pleasurama	65	..	3.1	4.7	6.3
117	62	Plessey	95	−1	8.3	8.7	8.7
13	7	Do ADR	£11	−¼	..	..	..
85	42	Plysu	83	+2	2.1	2.5	7.0
238	158	Portals Hldgs	217	..	11.8	5.4	9.1
127	51	Porter Chad	105	..	8.0	7.6	5.0
82	32	Portsmth News	60	−2	4.8	7.9	5.8
223	119	Powell Duffryn	192	+1	15.2	8.3	4.8
74	50	Pratt F. Eng	70	..	7.3	10.4	5.0
89	32	Preedy A.	84	..	4.3	5.1	8.2
32	12	Press W.	24	−½	1.2	5.3	6.5
185	107	Prestige Grp	163	..	8.8	5.2	9.4
46	27	Prestwich Par	32	..	4.6	14.2	8.3
190	135	Pretoria P Cem	180	..	16.5	8.7	5.8
83	45	Priest B.	83	..	8.0n	9.6	6.8
38	18	Pritchard Serv	36	−½	2.3	6.3	5.9
113	37	Pye Hldgs	88	+1	5.4n	6.1	5.6
45	23	Pyke W. J.	44	..	1.0	2.3	68.3
46	23	Pyramid Grp	42	..	3.7	8.8	7.9
22	14	Quaker Oats	£18	..	59.7	3.1	11.6
40	8	Queens Moat	39	−½	0.5	1.3	42.9
77	31	R.F.D. Group	67	−1½	2.4	3.6	6.2
84	37	RKT Textiles	94	..	7.1	7.6	5.6
268	117	Racal Elect	246	−3	5.9	2.4	9.7
18	12	Raine Eng	13	−1	1.3b	10.6	5.5
20	9	Rakusen Grp	17	..	..	..	..
275	140	Rank Org Ord	235	−5	12.1	5.1	7.4
85	39	RHM	54	..	5.2	9.5	8.7
67	30	RHP	54	..	5.8b	10.8	7.1
166	86	Ransomes Sims	136	..	12.0	8.3	4.8
80	39	Ratcliffe F. S.	68	..	7.1	10.5	6.7
75	12	Ratners	67	+4	3.6	5.3	6.4
85	35	Raybeck Ltd	85	..	5.1	6.0	8.8
41	23	Readicut Int	39	−½	2.4	6.2	8.0
143	72	RMC	121	−1	8.7	7.2	6.5
519	330	Reckitt & Colmn	480	..	16.1	3.4	9.2
90	32	Record Ridgway	73	..	7.3	10.0	6.4
328	76	Redfearn Nat	265	..	21.0	8.4	3.8
97	64	Rediffusion	87	..	7.3	8.3	11.3
161	86	Redland	138	..	6.3	4.5	9.6
62	16	Redman Heenan	37	−½	3.1	5.3	4.8
100	72	Reed A.	92	..	4.1	4.7	7.9
97	32	Do A NV	91	..	4.1	4.8	7.6
67	15	Reed Exec	66	−1	4.2	6.3	9.1
226	192	Reed Int	128	−6	12.1b	9.8	6.6
27	14	Reliance Grp	£25	..	66.1	2.6	13.9
42	13	Reliance Knit	42	..	4.8	11.4	3.7
89	44	Renold Cons	60	..	9.7	16.1	2.9
164	112	Renold Ltd	134	..	14.5	11.7	7.3
60	35	Rentokil Grp	58	..	2.4	4.2	11.2
47	27	Renwick Grp	42	−1	1.5	3.6	3.2
67	45	Revertex	66	..	5.2	7.9	7.9
66	37	Rexmore	61	..	6.4	10.6	6.4
253	32	Ricardo Eng	242	..	4.2	2.2	14.4
56	37	Richards & Wall	80	−1	6.8	8.6	5.1
29	14	Rich'n-Merrell	£29	−¼	49.6	2.4	14.0
64	35	Richardsons W.	60	−1	6.9	11.5	8.1
145	71	Rockware Grp	127	−2	8.0	6.3	3.8
97	56	Rolls-R Motors	94	−1	7.2	7.3	9.5
51	35	Ropner Hldgs	40	..	3.2	8.1	5.4
49	24	Do A	40	..	3.2	8.1	5.4
29	4	Rosgill Hldgs	27	..	..	..	..
36	30	Rotaflex	51	..	3.5	6.9	7.0
52	22	Rotaprint	41	..	4.4	10.8	6.3
59	32	Rothmns Int 'B'	56	..	3.1	5.5	2.5
161	60	Rotork Ltd	156	..	3.6	2.6	6.8
192	65	Rou'ledge & K	140	..	6.1	3.4	10.5
105	49	Rowlinson Con	100	..	3.7	3.7	6.5
425	229	Rowntree Mac	299	−5	19.7	5.1	9.5
176	66	Rowton Hotels	156	..	9.9	6.3	14.9
152	84	Royal Worcs	148	..	9.7	6.5	31.5
41	24	Royco Grp	39	..	3.0	9.0	9.4
40	24	Ruberoid	37	..	3.4	9.2	9.0
20	46	Rugby Cement	76	+1	5.9	7.8	9.4
97	54	SGB Grp	157	..	8.3	5.3	9.2
19	7	SKF 'B'	£12	+¼	47.9	4.0	6.0
247	52	Saatchi	243	..	7.3	4.5	12.5
39	29	Sabah Timber	34	..	2.5	6.5	4.6
255	230	Sainsbury J.	295	−5	9.2	4.7	5.0
37	15	St. Gobain	£27	−¼	63.7	2.4	12.6
297	112	Sale Tilney	234	+1	15.5	6.1	6.9
335	116	Samuel H.	325	..	15.2	4.8	8.5
333	113	Do A	321	..	15.2	4.9	9.4
65	41	Sanderson Kay	60	..	6.5	10.7	7.5
41	20	Sanderson Murr	34	..	4.7	13.8	3.6
56	27	Sanger J. E.	30	−1	..	..	5.9
119	74	Sangers	77	..	8.8	11.4	6.8
97	50	Savoy Hotel 'A'	76	−1	1.5	2.0	12.2
116	69	Scapa Grp	94	..	8.3	8.8	5.6
297	293	Scholes G. H.	270	..	25.1	9.3	12.7
92	41	Scotcros	74	..	4.9	6.6	7.4
64	24	SEET	62	−1	2.8	4.4	4.0
33	22	Scot Heritable	35	..	1.4	4.1	3.9
72	35	Scottish TV 'A'	57	..	3.6	6.3	4.0
122	55	Scot Univ Inv	116	..	11.0	9.5	7.3
37	26	Sears Hldgs	36	..	2.0	5.3	13.3
120	47	Securicor Grp	112	..	3.5	3.4	8.4
120	43	Do NV	112	..	3.5	3.4	8.4
122	56	Security Serv	112	..	5.3	4.7	6.7
122	53	Do A	112	..	5.3	4.7	6.7
41	21	Seeers Int	34	..	2.3	6.7	19.0
25	16	Selincourt	26	−½	1.9	7.0	3.3
26	12	Senior Eng	24	..	1.8	7.4	7.6
120	44	Sercl	96	..	9.9b	11.5	7.1
38	23	Shakespeare J.	29	..	2.9	9.8	5.9
37	15	Shaw Carpets	39	..	3.9	9.8	10.3
79	55	Sheepbridge	69	..	6.5	9.5	9.2
14	3	Sherman S.	14	..	..	..	..
106	62	Sidlaw Ind	95	..	9.1	9.6	11.0
232	122	Siebe Gorman	234	−2	5.0	4.4	10.3
66	20	Silentnight	58	..	4.2	7.2	7.4
275	120	Simpson S. Co	£165	..	700	4.2	..
..	26	Silentnight	56	−1	4.1	5.3	4.0
258	119	Simon Eng	225	..	11.5	5.2	6.0
100	36	Simpson S.	97	..	5.8	5.9	7.9
100	36	Do A	95	..	5.8	6.1	7.7
7	31	Sirdar	71	−1	4.4	6.2	5.4
56	34	600 Group	67	−½	6.5	10.1	7.5
116	61	Sketchley	113	..	5.2	4.7	5.9
42	20	Smallshaw R.	40	..	2.2	5.7	4.4
45	20	Smart J.	42	..	3.0	7.4	7.7
105	39	Smith D. S.	105	..	4.0	3.9	9.0
77	39	Smith & Neph	70	−1	3.7	5.2	8.5
168	67	Smith W. H. 'A'	145	−1	7.1	4.9	16.3
192	129	Smiths Ind	180	..	11.4	6.3	7.7
270	84	Smurfit	203	+2	11.2	5.5	10.5
26	15	Sobrane	24	..	2.5	10.6	9.8
26	15	Do NV	22	..	2.5	11.0	9.4
60	32	Solicitors Law	51	..	5.9	11.5	13.9
292	156	Sotheby P. B.	290	..	12.9	4.4	12.2
132	111	Spear & Jackson	124	..	14.2	11.5	12.4
245	130	Spear J. W.	200	..	2.9	1.4	6.0
14	7	Spencer Gears	13	..	0.8	5.5	8.2
35	25	Spillers	31	..	2.2n	6.5	7.8
250	70	Spirax-Sarco	166	−4	6.7	4.1	12.7
47	27	Sponner Ind	47	..	4.5	5.1	8.7
256	66	Staffs Potts	243	..	5.5	3.8	7.0
45	7	Staflex Int	5	..	..	..	1.1
214	40	St'g Furniture	207	..	7.3	6.6	7.6
30	22	Stakis (Reo)	26	..	2.2	3.9	12.6
49	28	Stanley A. G.	126	..	5.9	4.7	9.4
295	165	Staveley Ind	266	−4	13.2	5.3	5.9
230	105	Steel Bros	228	..	9.8	4.3	7.5
284	135	Steetley Co	267	−1	9.6	5.2	4.6
16	9	Steinberg	16	..	1.3	8.2	18.1
55	35	Stock'n & LLE	55	..	..	..	..
85	35	Stocklake Hldgs	63	..	3.9	6.2	2.4
85	55	Stock'nd & Son	102	..	5.8	2.9	5.6
58	60	Stonehill	97	..	9.1	9.1	11.2
146	93	Stone Platt	120	..	3.5	4.8	3.9
265	68	Stothert & Pitt	245	+5	21.8	8.1	8.2
49	20	Streeters	45	..	2.6	12.9	..
67	24	Strong & Fisher	56	..	6.6	11.9	3.1
75	22	Sunbeam W'sey	75	..	4.2	18.0	4.2
59	21	Sutcliffe S'man	56	−1	4.0	6.8	6.4
269	67	Swire Pacific 'A'	152	−5	..	..	..
21	9	Symonds Eng	20	..	2.0	10.2	10.9

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
31	9	Tace	25	..	1.9n	7.6	4.4
109	6	Taceda Bdr	£16	−¼	16.8	1.0	64.6
29	3	Talbex Grp	18	−¼	0.8b	4.4	17.7
220	126	Tarmac Ltd	149	−3	14.9	10.0	7.1
220	165	Tate & Lyle	165	−2	20.4	12.4	4.0
120	81	Taverner R'tige	81	−1	8.8	10.9	11.7
92	43	Taylor Pallis	92	..	6.8	7.4	6.0
504	244	Taylor Woodrow	360	−2	11.5	3.2	8.6
137	45	Tecalemit	134	+1	8.3	6.2	7.2
42	28	Telefusion	36	..	1.9	5.2	6.0
41	27	Do A	35	..	1.9	5.3	5.8
142	54	Telephone Rent	138	..	8.8	6.4	11.9
32	3	Tesco	45	−½	2.5	5.5	8.5
39	11	Textured Jersey	27	..	1.5	5.6	6.4
139	51	Thermal Synd	95	..	6.8	7.1	5.1
250	122	Thomson Org	250	−6	3.8	11.1	42.0
450	196	Thorn Electric	346	−4	17.4	5.0	9.7
15	6	Thurgar Bardex	13	..	1.0	7.7	4.6
600	403	Tiger Oats	570	..	30.9	5.4	4.5
295	194	Tilbury Cont	276	..	30.4	11.0	5.4
122	64	Tilling T.	117	−1	6.5	5.6	6.4
178	42	Time Products	177	−2	2.5	1.4	6.6
20	6	Tiraghur Jute	11	..	..	..	..
27	10	Tomkins F. H.	22	..	1.5	6.4	8.2
34	31	Tootal	47	..	4.1	8.8	6.0
70	16	Toye	66	..	1.9	2.9	8.3
59	32	Tozer Kemsley	55	..	4.7	8.5	4.8
164	95	Trafalgar H Ltd	124	−1	8.6	6.9	7.5
52	43	Trans Paper	67	..	7.5	11.2	9.2
73	49	Transport Dev	69	−½	4.5	7.0	11.1
148	77	Travis & Arnold	133	..	5.8	4.3	5.8
73	23	Tricoville	63	−1	3.1	4.8	5.8
59	31	Trident TV 'A'	49	..	4.4	9.0	6.1
97	30	Triefus & Co	97	..	3.4	3.5	6.6
90	50	Triplex Found	87	−1	7.0	8.1	4.3
224	114	Trust Hse Forte	220	−4	13.4	6.1	9.0
431	311	Tube Invest	368	−2	32.0b	8.7	4.5
287	137	Tunnel Hldgs 'B'	270	..	16.6	6.2	7.4
12	7	Turner Curzon	11	−¼	1.1	9.8	6.6
233	132	Turner Newall	180	−1	17.4	9.7	6.0
142	53	Turner Mfg	142	..	6.1	4.3	5.4
81	27	Turriff	72	−2	3.6	5.0	4.2
79	34	UBM Grp	66	..	6.5	9.9	13.2
99	54	UDS Grp	91	−1	7.7	8.5	9.8
192	158	UKO Int	140	..	13.3	9.5	7.5
103	65	Unicorn Ind	101	..	8.2	8.1	7.3
63	42	Unigate	82	−1	4.8	7.8	8.8
596	412	Unilever	578	−2	20.8	3.9	9.2
28	20	Do NV	£26	..	123	4.7	8.4
126	55	Unitech	126	..	5.7n	4.5	14.6
89	65	Utd Biscuit	91	−2	4.1	5.0	8.1
72	27	Utd City Merc	63	−1	1.2	1.9	7.7
48	20	Utd Eng	45	..	3.4	7.0	8.2
63	31	Utd Gas Ind	51	..	5.5	10.4	5.8
360	198	Utd News	336	−2	21.2	6.3	6.7
322	91	Utd Scientific	306	−2	9.1	3.0	12.8
46	19	Valor	45	..	3.2	7.2	4.4
132	72	Vantona	120	..	7.8	6.5	5.5
173	95	Vereeniging Ref	175	..	17.9	10.2	4.7
176	84	Vibroplant	176	..	15.0	8.5	12.8
242	144	Vickers	166	−2	14.9	8.9	6.1
48	26	Vita-Tex	43	..	4.9	11.3	6.3
182	71	Vosper	175	−1	7.6	4.0	6.5
79	37	W Ribbons	68	..	5.0	7.4	6.4
107	70	WGI	104	−3	8.8	8.5	6.5
202	111	Waddington J.	194	+2	17.1	8.8	10.4
26	14	Wade Potteries	28	..	1.7	6.0	7.5
120	70	Wadkin	120	..	8.9	7.4	4.5
128	83	Wagon Ind	126	..	11.2b	8.9	9.2
17	10	Walker & Homer	12	..	1.4	11.3	3.5
130	78	Walker C & W	122	−1	9.1	7.5	5.1
109	32	Walker J. Gold	90	..	3.5	3.9	7.1
102	32	Do NV	87	..	3.5	4.1	6.9
117	53	Ward & Gold	83	..	6.2	7.4	5.9
77	39	Ward T. W.	67	−1	6.2	9.2	7.4
23	13	Wardle B.	21	..	1.9	8.9	4.3
109	44	Waring & Gillow	109	..	5.0	4.6	11.2
56	29	Warne Wright	55	+½	4.0	7.3	6.7
56	16	Warrington T.	53	..	4.7	8.9	19.7
52	21	Waterford Glass	51	..	2.0	3.9	8.3
90	30	Watmoughs	96	..	5.5n	6.4	6.5
70	36	Watson & Philip	54	+1	3.8	7.1	7.6
116	60	Watts Blake	113	−2	4.2	3.8	11.5
32	10	Wearwell	31	−1	..	..	7.1
57	15	Websters Pub	52	−1	2.0	3.9	8.5
130	71	Weir Grp	121	..	7.9	6.5	6.8
29	11	Wellco Hldgs	27	−½	1.7b	7.7	6.6
51	31	Wellman Eng	48	..	3.6	7.6	7.3
48	22	Westbrick Pds	49	−½	2.3	4.6	8.2
57	29	Westinghse Brke	53	−2	3.2n	6.1	5.7
66	30	Westland Air	34	−1	4.8	14.2	8.9
9	9	Westminster Inv	9	..	..	..	..
36	15	Wharf Mill	23	..	2.2	9.3	..
54	35	Whatlings	43	..	3.8	9.0	8.3
65	28	Wh'lock Mar	54	+½	..	..	..
107	51	Whessoe	69	+1	7.3	10.5	3.9
19	8	Wheway Watson	17	..	1.3	7.9	5.4
84	41	White Child	80	..	7.0	8.7	5.8
211	138	Whitecroft	196	+2	20.3	10.4	4.4
34	16	Whiteley BSW	30	..	..	..	..
147	58	Wholesale Ftt	147	−2	8.3	5.7	8.6
256	95	Wigfall H.	225	−3	20.5	9.1	5.4
27	11	Wiggins Constr	25	..	2.4	9.6	6.0
128	55	Wight Cons	122	..	11.4	9.3	4.9
174	129	Wilkins & Match	170	..	15.2	8.9	7.4
194	79	Do 10% Conv	£89	..	1000	11.2	..
50	25	Wms J. Cardiff	45	..	4.2	9.3	3.9
63	26	Wills G & Sons	52	..	2.4	4.5	5.4
91	51	Wilmot Breeden	64	..	4.7	7.3	4.7
47	17	Wilson Bros	40	−½	2.1	5.1	6.3
91	39	Wimpey G	77	−½	1.6	1.3	7.5
47	24	Winn Ind	43	..	4.2	9.7	5.5
56	29	Witter T.	48	−½	4.4	9.0	11.5
200	92	W'sley Hughes	194	..	10.6	5.3	9.1
36	12	Wood & Sons	35	..	2.5	4.6	9.3
47	30	Wood S. W.	43	..	6.5	15.1	..
101	63	Wood Hall Tst	94	..	8.2	8.7	8.7
127	48	Woodhead J.	89	..	5.9	6.5	4.3
50	28	W'dhse Rixson	28	−1	1.5	12.9	26.2
71	49	Woolworth	64	..	6.3	9.8	11.7
235	140	Yarrow & Co	265	..	7.3	2.8	10.4
75	29	York Trailer	57	..	3.3	5.7	5.4
80	31	Youghal C'pts	38	..	..	..	..
44	11	Young H. Hldgs	34	−2	..	..	..
61	21	Zetters	54	−1	1.8	3.3	13.9

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
285	175	Akroyd & Sm	208	..	25.4	12.2	2.2
410	200	Assam Trdng 'B'	380	..	3.9	1.0	3.5
53	17	Boustead	53	+4	2.3	4.3	10.7
25	6	Brit Arrow	15	−½	..	..	..
163	102	Challenge Corp	143	..	6.6	4.6	7.7
68	42	Charterhse Grp	64	..	5.1	7.9	12.4
49	27	C Fin de Suez	£48	..	..	..	..
348	215	Daily Mail Tst	318	−5	21.1	6.6	17.8
345	210	Do A	318	−5	21.1	6.6	17.8
289	105	Dalgety	274	−1	19.5	7.1	9.6
46	13	Dawnay Day	41	−1	1.5	3.7	18.0
23	13	Edin Ind Hldgs	14	..	0.2n	1.1	31.8
115	79	Electra Inv	116	..	7.6	6.6	21.3
28	15	Exploration	25	..	0.8	3.4	8.1
85	27	FC Finance	75	−1	3.0	4.0	15.1
19	7	Fitzroy Inv	19	−½	..	..	..
31	14	Goode D & M Grp	22	..	0.2	0.9	..
443	293	Inchcape	403	−2	22.7b	5.6	9.3
129	60	Lloyds & Scot	97	−1	6.2	6.4	12.7
30	8	Ldn & Euro Grp	28	..	..	..	..
127	61	M&G Grp (Hldgs)	120	..	5.5	4.6	12.7
54	24	Manson Fin	47	..	5.3	11.3	12.4
119	61	Prov Fin Grp	94	..	7.4	7.9	8.4
113	43	Sime Darby	109	..	1.8	1.6	19.6
81	37	Smith Bros	60	..	7.5	12.4	12.7
810	631	Tyndall O'seas	800	..	46.4	5.8	..
55	14	Utd Dom Tst	41	..	..	..	29.9
58	21	Wagon Fin	44	−1	3.1	7.1	9.3
87	33	Yule Catto	77	..	2.1	2.7	10.1

INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
131	85	Bowring	105	−2	4.5	4.2	..
56	28	Brentnall Beard	30	..	2.0	6.7	9.2
184	112	Britannic	162	−2	13.9	8.6	..
172	102	Com Union	145	−2	11.6	8.0	..
160	107	Eagle Star	139	−2	9.3	6.7	..
184	114	Equity & Law	156	−2	10.1	6.5	..
294	161	Gen Accident	204	−8	12.4	6.1	..
284	175	Guardian Royal	216	−2	15.4	7.1	..
335	185	Hambro Life	328	−2	30.3	9.2	..
293	136	Heath C. E.	270	..	7.3	2.7	10.4
201	125	Hogg Robinson	188	+1	9.4	5.0	9.7
191	126	Howden A.	163	−2	10.6b	6.5	9.0
154	108	Legal & Gen	155	−2	8.7	5.6	..
121	90	Leslie & Godwin	121	..	6.8	5.6	13.7
148	91	London & Man	132	−4	9.6	7.4	..
178	57	Ldn Utd Inv	166	..	6.4	3.8	9.3
286	160	Matthews W'son	172	+2	13.9	8.1	8.0
204	100	Minet Hldgs	198	−1	5.1	2.6	12.4
79	43	Moran C.	59	..	5.0n	8.5	6.5
292	182	Pearl	226	−2	19.1	8.4	..
292	188	Phoenix	244	..	15.7	6.4	..
132	100	Prov Life 'A'	132	..	12.4	9.4	..
132	100	Do A Br	132	..	12.4	9.4	..
132	100	Do B	132	..	12.4	9.4	..
132	100	Do B Br	132	..	12.4	9.4	..
180	116	Prudential	146	−2	10.1	6.9	..
152	94	Refuge	134	−2	10.5	7.8	..
400	290	Royal	368	−4	24.9	6.8	..
425	224	Sedg. Forbes	415	+5	14.5	3.5	11.3
111	89	Stenhouse	96	−2	6.1	6.3	7.3
662	385	Sun Alliance	507	−3	52.0	10.0	..
117	65	Sun Life	101	..	5.2b	5.1	..
177	112	Trade Indem'ty	173	..	12.7	7.4	..
310	195	Willis Faber	252	..	13.6	5.4	11.6

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
142	104	Aberdeen Trst	141	−1	7.7b	5.4	27.3
230	166	Alliance Trust	228	−2	10.8n	4.7	30.9
49	31	Amer Trust	43	−½	2.1	4.5	33.5
105	75	Ang-Amer Secs	104	−1	4.6	4.4	31.4
53	32	Anglo Int Inv	43	..	4.9	11.3	13.0
140	87	Do Ass	140	..	..	..	..
45	31	Anglo Scot	45	..	2.6b	5.7	29.2
132	92	Ashdown Inv	126	+1	6.3	5.0	30.0
74	35	ABC Regional	58	..	0.8	1.3	59.2
99	49	Atlantic Assets	97	..	0.6	0.6	..
63	42	Atlas Electric	63	−1	2.9	4.6	30.3
61	39	Bankers Inv	58	+½	3.9	6.7	22.4
70	40	Berry Trust	70	..	1.3	1.9	76.9
81	41	Border & Sthrn	62	..	11.7	19.2	37.7
41	30	Brit Am & Gen	41	..	2.5	6.0	24.3
79	49	Brit Assets Tst	76	−1	3.3	4.4	32.5
12	7	Brit Emp Sec	11	..	0.9	8.5	18.7
171	116	Brit Invest	168	−1	7.4	4.4	35.1
154	105	Broadstone	153	−1	7.8	5.2	29.3
99	63	Brunner	99	+1	5.8	5.8	27.6
76	42	Brycourt Inv	74	..	3.8b	5.1	23.4
67	43	CLRP Inv	67	..	2.9	4.3	28.2
280	167	Caledonia Inv	238	..	12.8	5.4	22.7
84	56	Caledonian Tst	82	−2	2.6	3.1	53.6
81	52	Do B	81	..	..	..	..
127	91	Capital & Natl	126	−1	6.8	5.4	..
120	84	Do B	120	..	..	..	..
110	73	Cardinal 'Dfd'	108	−1	5.9	5.4	..
119	85	Carliol Inv	119	..	5.8	4.9	27.6
67	46	Cedar Inv	67	..	3.9	5.9	25.4
59	40	Charter Trust	58	..	3.3	5.7	26.1
83	54	Clydesdale Inv	81	−½	2.7n	3.3	44.5
80	49	Do B	80	..	..	..	..
13	9	Common Mkt	£12	..	20.5c	1.6	..
200	152	Cont & Ind	199	−1	9.7	4.9	30.0
199	162	Crescent Japan	198	−3	..	..	..
82	48	Crossfriars	79	..	5.2	6.7	22.9
29	14	Cumulus	25	..	1.2	4.8	31.3
140	90	Delta Inv	135	..	..	..	..
223	130	Derby Tst 'Inc'	222	..	20.4	9.2	19.3
170	56	Do Cap	144	..	..	..	..
135	100	Drayton Cons	131	−2	6.8	5.2	25.5
145	115	Drayton Cons	146	−2	7.1	4.9	27.5
196	150	Do Premier	193	−1½	10.2	5.3	26.8
65	40	Dundee & Ldn	63	−1½	3.6	5.7	26.8
116	65	Edin Amer Ass	129	−3	1.7	1.3	53.8
231	164	Edinburgh Inv	227	−3	10.2	4.5	32.1
77	50	Elec & Gen	77	..	2.4	3.1	41.4
92	69	Eng & Int	91	..	5.8	6.3	21.9
78	54	Eng & N York	78	−1	3.9	5.1	29.1
92	58	Estate Duties	81	−1	2.9	3.4	39.6
99	69	First Scot Am	98	−½	4.3	4.4	33.0
171	117	Foreign & Colnl	170	−1	5.7	3.4	45.0
158	98	Gt Japan Inv	158	..	2.3	1.4	76.3
162	100	Gen Funds 'Ord'	162	−2	7.1	4.4	34.2
129	78	Do Conv	129	+1	..	..	..
107	74	Gen Inv & Tsts	106	−1	6.1	5.7	23.0
93	65	Gen Scottish	91	−½	5.1	5.6	26.7
99	64	Glenderon	95	−1	2.6	2.7	66.9
129	71	Globe Trust	118	−1	7.6	6.4	20.5
77	49	Grange Trust	77	..	3.3	4.3	34.1
110	75	Great Northern	102	−2	6.1	6.0	25.8
88	61	Greenfriar	88	..	2.2	2.5	48.9
59	37	Gresham Hse	59	..	4.6	7.7	9.3
84	57	Guardian	83	..	4.1	5.0	29.2
97	61	Hambros	95	−1	5.7	6.0	24.7
186	122	Hill P. Inv	183	−1	12.0	6.5	23.2
81	42	Hume Hldgs A	61	−1	6.4	7.9	20.5
53	36	Indus & General	53	−½	2.7	5.0	28.2
77	52	Internat Inv	77	..	4.0	5.2	25.6
154	69	Invest in Suc	154	..	4.4	2.9	49.0
284	162	Inv Tst Corp	281	−3	10.2	3.6	40.3
86	59	Inv Cap Trst	85	−1	2.9b	3.4	47.2
163	103	Jardine Japan	161	−2	1.3	0.8	..
167	103	Jersey Ext	163	−2	..	..	..
94	66	Lake View Inv	93	−1	3.6	3.9	35.6
106	65	Law Deb Corp	105	−1	6.9	6.5	21.9
118	84	Ldn & Holyrood	118	..	5.5	4.6	32.0
189	139	Ldn & Montrose	189	..	8.3	4.4	35.1
115	84	Ldn & Prov Tst	115	−½	5.2	4.5	33.8
100	34	Ldn Merch Sec	88	−1	2.1	2.4	..
100	31	Do Cap	86	−3	..	..	..
77	44	Ldn Pru Invest	77	..	4.3	5.6	27.2
102	62	Ldn Trust	101	−1	6.3	6.2	23.9
41	28	Mercantile Inv	40	−1	1.9	4.7	26.0
77	55	Merchants Trust	77	−½	3.9	5.1	29.1
88	47	Moorgate Inv	88	..	5.5	6.5	21.7
97	60	Moorside Trst	96	..	7.2	7.5	19.8
22	11	New Throg 'Inc'	17	..	2.3	13.2	11.1
123	24	Do Cap	108	−2	..	..	..
97	74	North Atlantic	96	−1½	4.1	4.3	33.3
105	71	Northern Amer	104	−½	4.2	4.2	36.6
114	64	Northern Sec	114	..	5.2	4.6	26.0
66	48	Oil & Associated	57	−1	3.2	5.6	27.1
125	88	Pentland	125	..	6.1	4.9	30.4
76	60	Progressive Sec	66	..	4.2	6.4	21.4
129	88	Raeburn	129	..	5.8	4.5	30.7
177	108	River & Merc	170	−2	12.3	7.2	19.2
144	89	River Plate	142	−1	9.5	6.7	..
96	60	Romney Trust	95	−1	4.0	4.2	32.6
205	104	Rothschild	202	−3	10.6	5.3	22.7
76	44	Safeguard	73	..	5.5	7.4	19.4
92	57	Scot Amer	91	−½	3.9b	4.3	..
73	35	Scot&Cont'l Inv	74	−½	1.8	2.4	58.7
131	49	Scot & Merc 'A'	103	..	4.6	4.4	22.6
146	102	Scot Eastern	145	−½	6.9	4.7	34.0
41	25	Scot European	41	..	2.3	5.5	24.1
107	73	Scot Invest	105	−½	4.2	4.0	39.5
119	91	Scot Mortgage	119	..	5.0	4.2	36.7
155	111	Scot National	153	..	5.5	3.5	40.7
106	70	Scot Northern	106	..	5.1	4.8	32.4
82	57	Scot United	82	−½	2.4	3.0	50.9
101	70	Scot Western	100	..	3.5	3.5	48.3
97	64	Do B	96	..	..	..	..
198	143	Sec Alliance	198	−½	8.6n	4.3	31.4
94	61	Sec Gt Northern	94	−½	3.2	3.4	46.1
90	58	Do B	90	−2	..	..	53.9
181	132	Sterling Trust	179	−2	8.0	4.5	32.1
98	67	Stockholders	98	−½	3.6b	3.6	46.0
104	62	Thrng Sec 'Cap'	89	−2	..	..	..
73	47	Throgmtn Trust	71	..	6.6	9.3	16.3
173	129	Trans-Oceanic	171	−2	7.6	4.4	30.2
78	53	Tribune Inv	76	−1	2.1	2.8	43.4
67	58	Triplevest 'Inc'	63	..	6.7	10.5	14.4
179	94	Do Cap	143	−1	..	..	..
139	92	Trustees Corp	136	−½	6.4	4.6	32.4
116	87	Tyneside Inv	115	−1	5.8	5.1	27.3
134	97	Utd Brit Secs	133	−1	6.7	5.2	30.0
99	74	Utd States Deb	98	−½	5.3	5.4	28.2
190	142	Utd States Gen	190	..	9.2	4.9	28.4
104	69	Viking Res	96	−1	1.7	1.7	62.7
200	146	W'bottom Trust	199	..	7.6	3.8	42.0
94	63	Witan Inv	93	−1½	3.5	3.7	..
91	61	Do B	90	−1	0.1	0.1	..
172	111	Yeoman Tst	171	−1	11.5	6.7	21.7
32	17	Yorks & Lancs	30	..	2.3b	7.4	22.1
80	50	Young Co Inv	80	..	5.5	6.9	22.9

SHIPPING

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
321	215	Brit & Comm	278	..	14.0	5.0	8.1
158	34	Fisher J.	158	..	2.3	1.5	7.9
325	207	Furness Withy	227	−3	12.4	5.5	6.3
205	112	Hunting Gibson	172	−2	..	..	..
41	21	Jacobs J. I.	37	..	2.9	8.5	13.5
37	23	Ldn & O'seas Fr	27	−½	..	..	..
270	205	Manch Liners	220	..	7.7	3.5	20.1
179	104	Ocean Trans	104	−1	12.4	11.9	7.6
172	83	P & O 'Dfd'	85	..	9.0	11.7	4.6

MINES

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
620	370	Anglo Am Coal	600	..	35.5	5.9	..
342	195	Anglo Am Corp	322	−2	21.2	7.2	..
17	11	Ang Am Gold	£15	−½	104	6.1	..
41	19	Anglo Am Inv	£30	−½	342	8.4	..
8	6	Anglo Transvl	£7	..	72.5	9.1	..
9	6	Do A	£7	..	72.5	9.2	..
17	8	Ashanti	£12	..	29.5	7.8	..
397	235	Ayer Hitam	373	−5	66.0	17.8	..
40	26	Beralt Tin	32	..	6.7	11.7	..
417	210	Blyvoor	310	−2	58.7	19.2	..
46	16	Botswana RST	20	..	..	..	..
95	35	Bracken Mines	77	−1	19.5	26.6	..
161	41	BH South	111	..	..	..	..
20	8	Buffelsfontein	£9	−¼	107	11.7	..
154	106	Charter Cons	141	−1	12.6	8.9	..
200	136	Cons Gold Fields	174	..	13.7	7.9	..
412	145	De Beers 'Dfd'	357	+3	31.9	8.2	..
331	145	Doornfontein	270	−2	31.3	11.6	..
384	152	Durban Rood	262	−2	..	..	..
15	9	East Daggs	10	−1	..	..	..
777	425	E Driefontein	731	−5	50.0	7.1	..
477	177	E Rand Prop	295	+6	..	..	..
59	29	El Oro M & Ex	57	..	..	..	..
154	64	Elsburg Gold	119	−1	..	..	..
17	8	F S Geduld	£17	−¼	..	..	..
142	54	Geevor Tin	130	..	..	..	..
17	12	Gen Mining	£16	..	..	..	..
132	52	Grootvlei	97	−1	..	..	..
310	160	Hamersley	210	−5	..	..	..
135	77	Hampton Gold	134	..	..	..	..
469	235	Harmony	385	..	..	..	..
14	7	Hartebeest	£13	−¼	..	..	..
15	10	Jo'burg Cons	£13	..	..	..	..
391	200	Kinross	377	−4	..	..	..
578	290	Kloof	544	−3	..	..	..
52	30	Leslie	45	−1	..	..	..
604	175	Libanon	561	−4	..	..	..
76	42	Lydenburg Plat	62	..	..	..	..
242	122	MIM Hldgs	205	−3	..	..	..
85	38	MTD (Mangula)	42	..	..	..	..
415	220	Malaysian Tin	403	..	..	..	..
131	66	Marievale Con	95	−1	..	..	..
195	71	Messina Trans	90	..	..	..	..
41	10	Metals Explor	24	−1	..	..	..
230	125	Middle Wits	190	−5	..	..	..
396	125	Minorco	290	..	..	..	..
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73	29	Pahang Cons	70	..	..	..	..
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10	6	Pres Brand	£9	−¼	..	..	..
7	4	Pres Steyn	£7	..	..	..	..
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36	19	Randfontein	£34	−¼	..	..	..
246	164	Rio Tinto Zinc	216	−2	..	..	..
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12	7	St Helena	£11	−¼	..	..	..
580	370	Selection Tst	416	..	..	..	..
231	118	Sentrust	214	−2	..	..	..
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528	235	Southvaal	495	−5	..	..	..
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226	57	Sungei Besi	215	..	..	..	..
176	116	Tang Cons	160	..	..	..	..
103	42	Tanjong Tin	99	..	..	..	..
280	207	Tharsis Sulph	250	..	..	..	..
15	9	Transvaal Cons	£13	..	..	..	..
233	53	Tronoh Mines	225	..	..	..	..
244	117	UC Invest	244	−1	..	..	..
285	165	Union Corp	285	−1	..	..	..
14	8	Vaal Reefs	£13	−¼	..	..	..
295	70	Venterspost	226	+1	..	..	..
42	27	Wankie Colliery	36	..	..	..	..
313	118	Welkom	297	−1	..	..	..
23	13	W Driefontein	£21	−¼	..	..	..
209	78	W Rand Cons	155	−1	..	..	..
242	110	Western Areas	179	−1	..	..	..
25	9	Western Deep	£19	−¼	..	..	..
19	10	Western Hldgs	£19	−¼	..	..	..
164	84	Western Mining	141	..	..	..	..
777	390	Winkelhaak	743	..	..	..	..
28	10	Zambia Copper	24	..	..	..	..

OIL

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge
78	43	Ampol Pet	76	..
120	47	Attock	94	..
186	128	Brit Borneo	156	..
960	720	BP	850	..
83	41	Burmah Oil	63	..
66	44	Century Oils	61	..
34	18	Charterhall	23	..
26	12	C F Petroles	£23	..
44	24	KCA Int	39	..
195	134	Lasmo	146	..
415	265	Do Ops	332	..
109	84	Do 14% Ln	£95	..
32	27	Oil Exploration	274	..
23	8	Premier Cons	19	..
28	14	Ranger Oil	£22	..
30	35	Royal Dutch	£48	..
632	458	Shell Trans	553	..
202	104	Tricentrol	178	..
296	116	Ultramar	255	..
161	84	Do 7% Cnv	145	..

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge
60	29	Allied Ldn	55	..
230	127	Allnatt Ldn	202	..
242	114	Apex Props	210	..
22	11	Aquis Sec	20	..
95	51	Beaumont Prop	83	..
69	29	Bellway Hldgs	64	..
127	38	Berkeley Hmbro	115	..
196	131	Billon Percy	173	..
183	116	Do Accum	175	..
252	116	Bradford Prop	252	..
47	22	British Land	37	..
116	56	Brixton Estate	99	..
34	10	Cap & Counties	32	..
320	141	Chesterfield	305	..
14	6	Chown Secs	13	..
298	145	Churchbury Est	298	..
64	37	City Offices	54	..
174	114	Corn Exchange	171	..
27	17	Country & New T	25	..
31	35	County & Dist	85	..
97	32	Daejan Hldgs	89	..
51	27	Eng Prop	41	..
33	11	Estates & Gen	26	..
103	33	Evans of Leeds	97	..
330	200	Gt Portland	282	..
87	52	Guildhall	74	..
595	310	Hammerson 'A'	550	..
250	152	Haslemere Ests	238	..
231	142	Land Secs	212	..
56	32	Law Land	40	..
94	46	Ldn & Prov Sh	92	..
74	40	Ldn Shop	62	..
132	69	Lynton Hldgs	128	..
134	46	MEPC	124	..
230	68	McKay Secs	220	..
30	9	Marler Estates	27	..
43	15	Midhurst Whites	40	..
123	46	Mucklow A & J.	115	..
231	108	Municipal	230	..
93	28	Peachey Prop	78	..
315	180	Prop & Rever	295	..
315	178	Do A	295	..
347	216	Prop Hldgs	298	..
160	44	Prop Sec	155	..
6	2	Raglan Prop	5	..
57	31	Regional	74	..
57	30	Do A	61	..
121	29	Rush & Tompkins	117	..
110	59	Scot Met Props	106	..
129	77	Slough Ests	115	..
268	158	Stock Conv	242	..
229	90	Sunley B.	217	..
17	5	Town & City	11	..
116	41	Trafford Park	107	..
24	10	UK Props	19	..
20	7	Webb J.	18	..
19	10	W'minster & C'ty	15	..

RUBBER

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge
100	34	Anglo-Indonesia	95	..
63	18	Bradwall FMS	60	..
300	92	Castlefield	255	..
48	12	Chersonese	46	..
47	18	Cons Plant	44	..
65	13	Doranakande	63	+2
12	5	Grand Central	10	..
378	185	Guthrie Corp	350	−7
110	48	Harrisons Malay	115	..
135	39	Highlds & Low	122	−½
195	67	Hongkong	195	..
250	125	Killinghall	250	+5
59	22	Kulim Malaysia	57	..
164	44	Ldn Sumatra	161	−2
72	22	Majedie	67	−½
46	10	Malayalam	44	..
54	12	Muar River	50	..
81	34	Plant Hldgs	79	..
83	18	Sungei Krian	70	..

TEA

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge
390	147	Assam Frontier	305	..
123	52	Assam Inv	110	−1
300	56	Camellia Inv	300	..
156	22	Deundi	150	..
245	120	McLeod Russel	228	−2
410	124	Moran	365	..
120	15	Surmah Valley	112	..
246	102	Warren Plant	216	−4

MISCELLANEOUS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge
14	7	Algoma Cen Rly	£12	..
78	40	Calcutta Elec	72	..
52	42	E Surr Wtr 4.9%	£46	..
36	31	Essex Wtr 3.5%	36	..
65	47	Gt Nthn Tele	£62	..
450	310	Imp Cont Gas	390	−6
38	32	Mid Kent Wtr	£32	..
92	46	Milford Docks	78	..
278	140	Nigerian Elec	240	..
38	31	Sunderland Wtr	£36	..

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	Index No.	Div. Yield	Ea[rnings] Yi[eld]
Latest		%	%
The Times Industrial share index	205.15	6.61	12.[illegible]
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Smaller Coys.	191.48	7.05	14.[illegible]
Capital Goods	226.29	7.01	15.[illegible]
Consumer Goods	217.60	6.99	11.[illegible]
Store Shares	173.78	6.97	8.[illegible]
Largest financial shares	230.18	5.95	—
Largest financial and industrial shares	211.44	6.42	—
Commodity shares	274.04	5.17	12.[illegible]
Gold Mining shares	320.38	9.10	15.[illegible]
Industrial debenture stocks	73.79	6.37*	—
Industrial preference stocks	54.65	12.44*	—
3½% War Loan	31	11.47*	—

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All-time	222.98 (14.09.77)	60.18 (...)
1978	209.47 (17.07.78)	184.65 (...)
1977	222.98 (14.09.77)	131.29 (...)
1976	171.85 (05.03.76)	115.63 (...)
1975	156.92 (19.11.75)	61.42 (...)
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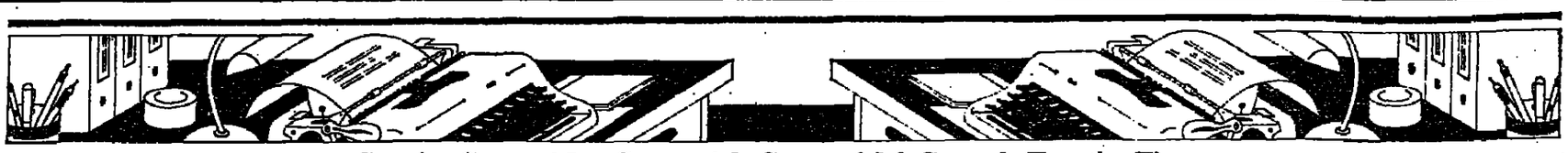
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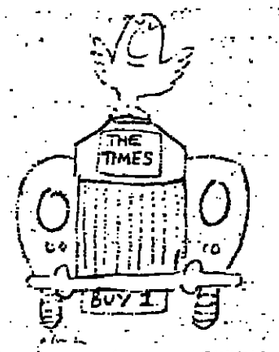
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7.00 News Headlines.
7.05 The British Connexion?
7.30 News.
7.40 Gardeners' world.
8.05 Top Gear.
8.30 BC: The Archaeology of the Bible Lands (4), Exodus.
9.00 Film: Splendour in the Grass, with Natalie Wood, Warren Beatty.
11.00 Multi-racial Britain.
11.25 News.
11.35-11.45, Reading.

Thames

9.30 am, *A Place in History (r).* 9.55, Paint With Nancy (r). 10.20, Oscar. 10.30, Spiderman (r). 10.55, Film: Cree Hunters of Mistassini (r). 11.45, Cartoons. 12.00, Little Blue (r). 12.10 pm, Hickory House. 12.30, Doctor! 1.00, News. 1.20, Help! 1.30, Crown Court. 2.00, After Noon. 2.25, Racing from Sandown Park. 3.50, The Sullivans. 4.20, Film: Son of Godzilla, with Tadio Takashima, Akira Kubo.

5.45 News. 6.00, Thames at Six.
6.35 Cartoons.
6.50 Crossroads.
7.15 Leave it to Charlie.
7.45 Film. The Salzburg Connection, with Barry Newman, Anna Karina.
9.30 This Week.
10.00 News.
10.30 What About the Workers?
11.00 Time for Business Special: Where Have all the Skilled Men Gone?
11.45 Night Gallery.
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ATV

9.30 am, Thames. 10.20, Music at Harewood. 10.45, Half Three Quarters Full. 10.50, The Make-Believe World of Daphne Du Maurier (r). 11.30, Stars on Ice. 11.55, Parsley (r). 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, ATV News. 1.30, Thames. 3.50, Quick on the Draw. 4.20, Solo One. 4.45, Three for the Road. 5.45, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.50, *Thames.* 11.00, Gardening. 11.30-12.20 am, Dan August.

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9.30 am, Thames. 10.20, Arthur. 10.40, Afloat. 11.05, Andy's Party. 11.30, Look Who's Talking. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Southern News *and Weather.* 1.30, *Crown Court.* 2.00, Women Only. 2.25, Thames. 4.20, Dynomutt. 4.45, The Lost Islands. 5.15, Sinbad Junior. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.45, News. 6.00, Day by Day. 7.15, Thames. 10.30, On No, It's Selwyn Froggitt. 11.00, People Rule! 11.35, Southern News. 11.45, What the Papers Say. 12.00, Weather, Epilogue.

Granada

9.30 am, Thames. 10.20, Planet of the Apes. 10.40, *The Lost Islands.* 11.05, The Beatles. 11.25, Skippy. 11.45, Rainy's Oak. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, This is Your Right. 1.30, Thames. 4.20, Little House on the Prairie. 5.10, What's New. 5.15, Crossroads. 5.45, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.30, On Site. 7.15, Thames. 10.30, What's On. 11.15, What the Papers Say. 11.30, The Law Centre. 12.30-12.45 am, Music with Barry Dransfield.

Border

9.30 am, Thames. 10.20, Skippy. 10.40, Southern. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Border News. 1.30, Thames. 4.20, Code R. 5.15, Solo One. 5.45, News. 6.00, Lookaround. 6.50, Thames. 11.00, Gibbsville. 11.55, Border News.

HTV

9.30 am, Thames. 10.20, Houseparty. 10.40, Southern. 12.00, Thames. 1.20, West Headlines. 1.25, Wales Headlines. 1.30, Southern. 2.25, Thames. 3.50, Beryl's Lot. 4.20, Clue Club. 4.45, The Flintstones. 5.20, Southern. 6.00, Report West. 6.22, Report Wales. 6.45, Survival. 7.15, Thames. 11.05-12.00, The Law Centre. HTV *CYMRU/WALES.*—As HTV except: 1.20-1.25, Penawdau Newyddion Y Dydd. 4.20-4.45, Adar Y Twndra. 6.00-6.22, Y Dydd. HTV WEST.—As HTV except: 1.20-1.30, West Headlines. 6.22-6.45, *Sport West.*

Westward

9.30 am, Thames. 10.20, Untamed World. 10.40, Southern. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Westward News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 4.20, *Granada.* 5.15, *The Flintstones.* 5.45, News. 6.00, Westward Diary. 6.50, Thames. 10.30, The Open Air with Clive Gunnell. 11.00, Andy Williams. 11.30, M'Lords Ladies and Gentlemen. 12.25 am, Faith for Life.

Anglia

9.30 am, Thames. 10.20, Cartoons. 10.40, Southern. 12.00, Thames. 1.25 pm, *Anglia News.* 1.30, Southern. 2.25, Thames. 4.20, Solo One. 4.45, Westway. 5.15, Bygones (r). 5.45, News. 6.00, About Anglia. 6.35, Arena. 6.50, Thames. 10.30, Lifestyle. 11.00, What About the Workers. 11.30, Chopper Squad. 12.25, The Living Word.

Tyne Tees

9.25 am, The Good Word. 9.30, Thames. 10.20, Waldo Kitty. 10.40, Southern. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, North East News. 1.30, Southern. 2.25, Thames. 4.20, Film, The Purple Mask, with Tony Curtis, Gene Barry. 5.45, *News.* 6.00, *Northern* Life. 6.50, Thames. 11.00, Double Top. 11.40, George Hamilton IV. 12.10 am, Epilogue.

Ulster

9.30 am, Thames. 10.20, Cartoons. 10.40, *Southern.* 12.00, *Thames.* 1.20 pm, Lunchtime. 1.30, Thames. 4.20, Clue Club. 4.45, The Gene Machine. 5.15, Black Beauty. 5.45, News. 6.00, Ulster Television News. 6.05, Crossroads. 6.30, Reports. 6.45, Want a Job? 7.00, Cartoons. 7.15, Thames. 11.00, Gardening. 11.30-11.40, Bedtime.

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...am, Thames. 10.20, Power ...in Glory. 11.10, Star Maidens. ... Woody Woodpecker. 12.00, ...es. 1.20 pm, Calendar News. Thames. 4.20, Film: The Purple Mask. 5.45, News. 6.00, Calendar. 6.50, Thames. 10.30, The First Years. 11.40-12.10 am, The ...tainers: Mac and Katie Kissoon.

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...am, First Thing. 9.30, ...es. 10.20, Woobinda. 10.40, ... 11.05, Film: No Act of God. ..., Southern. 12.00, Thames. ...pm, Grampian News Headlines. ..., Thames. 4.20, Granada. 5.15, ...lbon Wildlife Theatre. ..., News. 6.00, Grampian Today. ..., Farming. 6.15, Flair. 6.50, ...es. 11.45, Under the Rainbow. 12.20 am, Reflections. 12.25, ...pian Headlines.

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...am, Thames. 10.20, Valley of Dinosaurs. 10.40, Southern. ..., Thames. 1.25 pm, Road ...ort. 1.30, Southern. 2.25, ...mes. 4.20, Island of Adventure. ..., Cartoon. 5.20, Southern. ..., Scotland Today. 6.30, Weir's ...(r). 6.45, Garnock Way. 7.15, ...mes. 11.00, Late Call. 11.05-...am, Emergency.

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...am, Channel news. 1.30, ...mes. 4.20, Granada. 5.15, The ...tones. 5.45, News. 6.00, ...nnel news. 6.10, A Chance to ... 6.25, Cartoons. 6.50, ...mes. 10.32, Open Air. 11.00, ...y Williams. 11.30, M'Lords, ...ies and Gentlemen. 12.25 am, ...ther.

Radio

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5.00 am, New Richard Vaughan. 7.02, *Dave Lee Travis.* 9.00, *Simon Bates.* 11.00, Tony Blackburn. 12.30 pm, Newsbeat. 12.45, Paul Burnett. 2.00, Peter Powell. 4.31, Kid Jensen. 7.30, Sports Desk. 7.33, Country Club. 9.02, Folkweave. 9.55, Sports Desk. 10.02, John Peel. 12.00, News. 12.05, am, Brian Matthew.

Stereo.

2

5.00 am, News. 5.02, Richard *Vaughan.* 7.32, Terry Wogan. 8.27, Racing bulletin. 10.02, Jimmy Young. 12.15 pm, Waggoners' Walk. 12.33, Pete Murray. 2.30, David Hamilton. 4.30, Waggoners' Walk. 4.45, Sports Desk. 4.50, John Dunn. 6.45, Sports Desk. 7.02, Country Club. 7.30, Radio 1. 10.02, Wit's End. 10.30, Star Sound. 11.02, Sports Desk. 11.05, Brian Matthew. 2.00-2.02 am, News.

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6.55 am, Weather. 7.00, News. 7.05, Arne, Geminiani, Dowland, Boyce, Bach. 8.00, News. 8.05, Ravel, Poulenc. 9.00, News. 9.05, Britten. 9.55, Aeolian String Quartet, part 1: Haydn, Wolf. 10.55, In Short. 11.05, Quartet, part 2: Beethoven. 11.50, Words. 11.55, Songs from Iran. 12.15 pm, Concert, part 1: Mendelssohn, Mozart. 1.00, News. 1.05, Concert, part 2: Mozart, Roussel. 1.50, De Sarasi Trio: Beethoven, Brahms. 2.40, Poliuto, opera by Donizetti: Act 1. 3.25, In Short. 3.35, Poliuto: Act 2. 4.20, Reading. 4.30, Poliuto: Act 3. 5.05, Cello and Piano: Franck and Faure. 5.45, Homeward Bound. 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound. 6.30, Who Cares about the Commonwealth? 7.00, Industrial Democracy.

7.30, Sibelius Concert: Part 1. 8.05, The Arts Worldwide. 8.25, Sibelius, part 2. 9.15, The Thorns of Summer: Portrait of John Henry Newman. 10.20, Pilar Lorengar Song Recital: Granados. 10.30, The Barn Family. 11.45, News. 11.50-11.55, Schubert Song.

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6.00 am, News. 6.10, Farming. 6.30, Today. 8.35, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.05, Records. 10.00, News. 10.05, From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, Down Your Way. 11.45, New Styles, Ancient and Modern Greece. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.27, Many a Slip. 12.55, Weather.

1.00, News. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen with Mother. 3.00, News. 3.10, Questions to the Prime Minister. 3.35, Wildlife. 4.00, News. 4.05, Jack de Manio. 4.35, Story: The Story of Ragged Robyn. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.40, Serendipity. 5.55, Weather.

6.00, News. 6.30, Brain of Britain. 7.00, News. 7.05, The Archers. 7.20, Let's Get This Settled, Walter through the Ceiling. 7.45, Would You Go to A Healer? 8.30, James Cameron. 8.45, Instant Sunshine by the Seaside. 9.30, Kaleidoscope. 9.59, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.30, Happiness is ... 10.55, My Delight with Benedict Nightingale. 11.00, A Book at Bedtime. The Secret Agent. 11.15, The Financial World Tonight. 11.30, Today in Parliament. 12.00, News. 12.20-12.23 am, Inshore Forecast.

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BIRTHS

GRANDFETH.—On 12th July, 1978 at the Middlesex Hospital, London, W.1, to Michèle Brown, wife of Gyles Brandreth—a daughter (Aphra Kendal Alice), a sister for Benet and Saethryd.

COOKE.—On July 14th to Heather (née Seaton) and Michael—a daughter (Rachel [illegible]).

GREEN.—On Sunday, July 16th, 1978, at West London Hospital, to Jackie (née Curry) and Leslie—a boy (Samuel Charles).

GREGORY.—On 16th July at Princess Elizabeth Hospital, Guernsey, to Rosemary (née Scott-Owen) and Sam—a daughter (Sarah Claire Seymour).

GUINNESS.—On July 18th in Sydney, to Barbara and Anthony—a daughter (Edwina).

HAIGH.—On July 14th, to Carola (née Pickering) and Nigel—a daughter (Anna).

HARRISON.—On 18th July, 1978, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital to Mary-Rose Maclean (née Towers) and Michael Graffrey—a son.

HOWSON.—On July 19th at the Middlesex Hospital, W.1, to Jane (née Walsh) and Peter—a son (Edward) a brother for William.

KING.—On 16th July, to Frances-Anne (née Sutherland) and Michael—a son (Edward John).

MASSON.—On 11th July, at Winchester, to Anna (née Marquis) and Gordon—a daughter (Morag).

NEWSOM.—To Cilla (née Brett) and George on 13th July in Bristol—a son (Edward George).

PARKER.—To Kenneth and Margaretha (née Beyerman) on July 18th—a son.

REEVES.—On July 19th at the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, to Joyce (née McDougall) and Ronald—a daughter (Cecilia Alice), a sister for Caroline.

ROBINSON.—On June 27th in Cairns, N.Q., Australia, to Kathy (née Ayton Hill) and John—a son (Michael Kehl).

SEYMOUR.—To Caroline (née Higgs) and John on 18th July at Northallerton Maternity Hospital—a son (Patrick John), brother for Thomas, Hannah and Rosie. Thanks to all concerned.

SKENE.—On July 18th to Judy (née Showers) and Douglas—a boy.

STANNING.—On July 19th, to Patricia (née Wanklyn) and David—a son.

WATSON.—On July 18th, to Gillian, wife of Antony Watson—a daughter (Edwina Loveday).

BIRTHDAYS

SUE.—Happy Birthday. P.S. P.P.S. George. G.F.

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RUTTER : BELCHAMBER.—On 20th July, 1918, at Friends Meeting House, Westminster, Joseph John Burchett Rutter of Wincanton, to Christine Sophie Belchamber, of London. Now living at Poole.

DEATHS

BOYES.—On July 19th after a short illness borne with great courage Paul, dearly beloved wife of Eric, of Gordon House, Lambourn, Berks., late of Kempsford Manor. Mother of Susan Nicholas, Jeremy and Simon. Funeral at Lambourn Parish Church on Monday, July 24th at 2.30 p.m., followed by private cremation.—Flowers and enquiries to O. Jobbins, Kempsford, Glos. (028581) 259.

CADEL.—On 16th July, 1978, suddenly, Norman Leslie Cadel (Podge), formerly of C. S. Cadel and Co. Ltd. and Delia. All funeral inquiries to Ebbutt Funeral Service. Oxted 3767.

GRAYSON.—On July 18th at Yealman Hospital, Harold John Grayson (Jack) of Castle Stables Sherborne, dear husband, father and grandfather. Funeral private.

HAYEK, MARGIT.—On 16th July peacefully aged 83 years after a short illness, cheerfully borne, at No 10 Church Plantation, University of Keele, Staffs, the beloved mother of Tony Hayek and Traudl Plesch, and their families. Cremation on 20th July at 12 noon at Bradwell Crematorium, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs. No flowers please. Donations to the Margit Hayek Memorial Fund for medical research, to No 10 Church Plantation, University of Keele, Staffs.

LUMSDEN.—On July 14th, in hospital, John Lumsden, M.B.E., of Folkestone, formerly H.B.M. Vice-Consul, Casa Blanca, aged 85 years, beloved of his daughters Una and Daphne and of his seven grandchildren. Funeral service at St. John's Church, Folkestone, on Saturday, July 22nd, 10.30 a.m. Inquiries to Messrs. Hambrook & John, 1 Dover Rd., Folkestone.

MORISON.—On 16th July, peacefully in hospital, The Honourable Nancy, beloved wife of Harold and much loved mother and Grandmother, 4th daughter of the late Lord Atkin of Aberdovey. Funeral private.

O'FLYNN.—Peacefully, on July 17th, 1978, Lilian May, aged 82 years, widow of Roy Lockwood and much loved mother of Moira and Michael and loving grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral service to take place on Friday, 21st July, at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, at 3 p.m. Flowers may be sent to the crematorium.

REYNOLDS.—On July 19th, 1978, at her home, 7 Godwyn Road, Folkestone, Jean Eileen Reynolds, J.P. for fifty-two years, the beloved wife of Donald B. Battlie Reynolds and dear mother of Mary, Eve, Alisa and Katharine. Funeral service Folkestone Parish Church on Monday, 24th July, at 11.00 a.m. followed by cremation. Family flowers only, please, but donations to: The Oxford Mission c/o National Westminster Bank Ltd., 49 Sandgate Road, Folkestone, will be acknowledged.

SAINSBURY.—On July 17th, 1978, peacefully, in hospital, Arthur William of 15 Stanley Road, Hoylake, husband of the late Monica (Connie). Cremation service private.

SANDS.—On 17th July, 1978, peacefully at home, Margaret, aged 77, of Bohune Common, Woodborough, Pewsey, Wiltshire, widow of the late Arthur Langdale Sands and dearly loved mother of Martin and Charles. Funeral service at Woodborough Church at 11.30 a.m. on Saturday, 22nd July.

STEVENS.—On July 18th, Herbert Lawrence, at his home, aged 86. Joined the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Air Ministry, in 1913. He was then in charge of the Aerodynamics Experimental Flying Programme from 1932-1937 and Chief Technical Officer of the Aeroplane and Armaments Experimental Establishment at Martlesham Heath, to 1951. He then held several other senior appointments under the Air Ministry/Ministry of Aircraft Production and retired in 1955.

THORMAN, BERNADETTE. — On 16th July, quietly, after two days in hospital, at the end, most dearly loved wife of Giles and daughter of Josef and Eugenia Andry, following a year of pain and illness, borne so courageously and cheerfully, that she shared great joy amidst her suffering with those closest to her. Funeral service 2 p.m., Monday, 24th July, St. John's Church, St. John's Avenue, Putney, before private burial at Putney Vale. Red and white flowers, please.

TRATMAN.—On 18th July, 1978, peacefully, in Westminster Hospital, Lucie, widow of D. W. Tratman, C.M.G. Cremation has taken place.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

OTTER-BARRY.—A service of thanksgiving for the life of David Melvill Otter-Barry will be held at the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Little Horkesley, on Saturday, July 29th, at 2.30 p.m.

ROWLAND CLARK.—A memorial service for the life of Bob Rowland Clark will be held at the Parish Church, Kintbury, near Newbury, Berks, on Friday 28th July 1978 at 12 noon.

IN MEMORIAM

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JOHNSON, ELIZABETH JOHNSON, spinster, late of 17 Harbledown House, Manciple Street, London, SE1, died at London SW1 on 13 November, 1977. (Estate about £5,000).

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PEARCE otherwise **WILD** otherwise **LAWSON, VIOLET ELIZABETH PEARCE** otherwise VIOLET ELIZABETH WILD otherwise VIOLET ELIZABETH LAWSON otherwise DOROTHY BEBE LAWSON, late of 2 Almington Street, Islington, London, N4, died there on or about 29 September, 1977. (Estate about £8,200).

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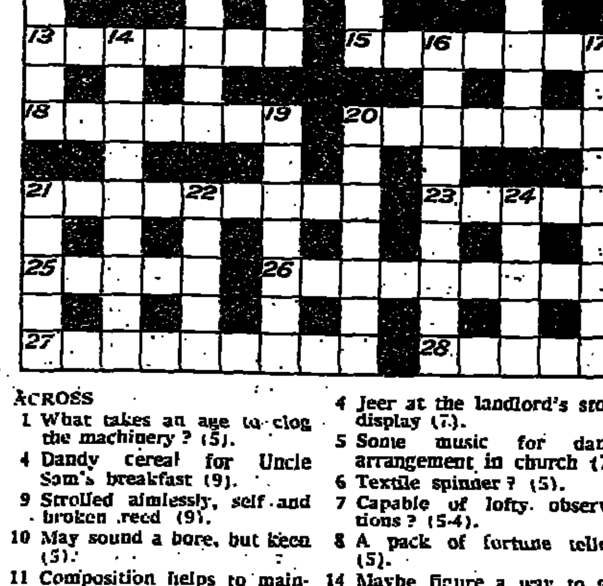
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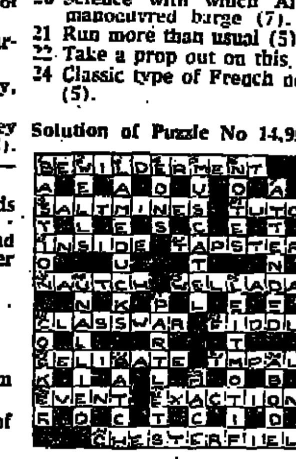
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ACROSS
1 What takes an age to clog the machinery ? (5).
4 Dandy cereal for Uncle Sam's breakfast (9).
9 Strolled aimlessly, self and broken reed (9).
10 May sound a bore, but keen (5).
11 Composition helps to maintain a glazed look (5).
12 Invalidation of vows—poor nun in mental anguish (9).
13 Not so busy just below the summit (3-4).
15 Some, by right, possibly get batched (7).
18 Sound receiving feature of an organ (7).
20 Her clue for the Minotaur-slayer (7).
21 English, talking wildly, create an impression (9).
23 "Men are —— when they woo", said Rosalind (5).
25 Retirement of art member—he takes to the road (5).
26 Official—some bloom buds manually produced (9).
27 Beauty needed rescue, and capital American lawyer (9).
28 Transatlantic tugs ? (5).

DOWN
1 Army signal code ? (9).
2 Beauty disenchanted him (5).
3 Picpicker noted change of Derby date (5-4).
4 Jeer at the landlord's stock display (7).
5 Some music for dance arrangement in church (7).
6 Textile spinner ? (5).
7 Capable of lofty observations ? (5-4).
8 A pack of fortune tellers (5).
14 Maybe figure a way to get home protection (9).
16 Robbery by ship and railway (9).
17 Fun fair features include a measure of bumps (9).
19 In Rome ruins I do find old gold coin (7).
20 Science with which Albert manoeuvred barge (7).
21 Run more than usual (5).
22 Take a prop out on this (5).
24 Classic type of French novel (5).

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